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## New PSS chief named

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REPORTER

The Public School System Board offered current Human Resources director Cynthia Deleon Guerrero the position of Commissioner of Education last Wednesday.



Deleon Guerrero

Guerrero accepted the offer yesterday.

"I have received an offer to serve as the commissioner of education beginning on Nov. 21. I will be accepting the offer and I have already

communicated my acceptance of the offer to the Board of Education chair," said Guerrero.

Guerrero said that there are only a few things that she wishes to address such as the recruitment of teachers.

"We definitely have our challenges with recruitment of qualified

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## Evangelista is new NMC board chair

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Michael N. Evangelista, a lawyer by profession who has just gotten appointed as a regent of the Northern Marianas College, was elevated yesterday as the new Board of Regents chair, replacing acting BOR chair Elaine Orilla.



Evangelista

Evangelista, who was chosen by other regents at a special meeting at the As Terlaje campus yesterday, said he was caught by surprise by this new

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## RAISING AWARENESS

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second right, and Commonwealth Cancer Association program manager Juan L. Babauta, right, listens as L.J. Castro, third right, introduces Davina M. Ayuyu who will read one of the two proclamations that declare November as Lung and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month last Wednesday at the Juan M. Sablan Memorial Building conference room. Lung is the fifth type of cancer that is common in the CNMI behind breast, cervical, oral, and colon. CCA has various programs that help cancer patients and their families deal with the still incurable disease.

JON PEREZ

## Chamber chief: 5K more CW workers will be enough

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The president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce believes that increasing the numerical limit on CW-1 workers—foreign workers allowed to work in the CNMI—from the cur-

rent cap of 12,998 to 18,000—an increase of around 5,000—is enough to help in the Commonwealth's further economic development.

The federal agency that handles foreign labor, called U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, has set the cap of CNMI-Only Transition

Worker Nonimmigrant Visa, or CW-1, at 12,998. That number was filled last month, just three weeks since the start of fiscal year 2017.

The cap is set by the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, which dictates that it must reach zero by

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## Dynasty employees not losing hope

By JON PEREZ  
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REPORTER

**SAN JOSE, Tinian**—There are still 20 former Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino employees that are still staying inside the company's housing dormitory and enduring deplorable

conditions in the barracks.

All of them are holding on to hope that they would get their salaries and other benefits after the hotel completely closed down in March this year.

The casino was the first to shut

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## 'Turnout kind of low'

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The turnout for the last Tuesday's 2016 general election was "kind of low," according to Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Frances Sablan.

Out of 17,930 registered voters, only 10,993 voted, which comes out at 61.31 percent participation. The tallied votes already includes early votes cast during the week-long early voting period, according to Sablan.

The 10,993 total, however, doesn't include the 1,699 absentee vote forms sent out. Sablan said that only 984 have so far been sent back.

Sablan expects to add a few hundred more votes into the overall count, setting the participation percentage a little higher than 61.31 percent.

"We are anticipating about a 66-percent to 70-percent turnout. We usually get a 70 to 80 percent turnout, so it's kind of low. We're hopeful that about 500 to 600 more absentee ballots will come in so that it would bring up the percentage," said Sablan.

Sablan added that the number of rejected votes due to voter error could not be specified.

"I know that although some of the votes weren't necessarily rejected in its entirety, there were some races that voters left blank. ...I saw over votes on almost all of the races," said Sablan.

She predicts that rejected votes will continue increasing with the absentee votes. Votes were rejected because some voters did not follow directions, such as properly inserting the affidavit into its proper envelopes.

"There were only certain races that did not count because there was an overvote. I

know the rejection part is going to be more prevalent when we start processing the absentees. I am already seeing some that we processed," she said.

"[Some] voters did not follow instructions. The instructions are when you complete the affidavit, you put it inside the outer envelope and outside the ballot envelope. We have some already that put the affidavit inside the inner envelope, which is the ballot envelope, and makes it exposed. Some did not put the ballot in the inner envelope, they put it inside the outer envelope, and that's an exposed ballot, so that would be rejected," said Sablan.

### Delays in tabulation

Tabulation of votes did not start until 9pm. Sablan shared that with the addition of new assistant attorney general Michael Witry, certain methodologies had to be altered due to different interpretations.

"Interpretations for different attorneys differ, so we had to listen to our legal counsel and take his advice. His advice was to do our methodology a certain way. That meant that we do not discuss to reconcile, we use paper and pen, and that's how we communicated so that no one person overcomes the other. I served as the commissioner that went around and collected what they wrote. If it was a majority then that's the direction that we would go. That process was a long drawn process," said Sablan, referring to the cause of the delay.

Despite the delay in tabulation, the tabulation process went swiftly, shared Sablan.

"After we processed about two-thirds of the early votes, that's when the AAG decided-

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ed to reconsider and have us go back to our more recent methodology, which is to split up the commissioners and have us deal with and reconcile simultaneously different precincts," she said.

"That's what sped up the process, and that's why we are ending earlier than later today," Sablan added.

The tabulation process was officially completed at around 5am, which also already included the reports that the CEC had to make on their side. Sablan shared that the tabulation committee wanted to start as soon as possible, but due to certain laws, it had to be delayed for quite a bit.

"We wanted to start tabulating at 7:30pm when we were supposed to convene as tabulation committee, but we had some setbacks. We

had to wait for observers to come in because by law, we were required to have two Democratic observers, two Republican observers and at least one independent. We had to round them up at first so we had to make sure we had all of our stuff in place," said Sablan.

Sablan, however, can't help but feel frustrated because of all the delays.

"Although we tried to put and change our laws, amend them, we tried to make sure we had the best machinery that our money can buy and the technicians, and we try to have a full board, although it's not 100 percent full, but at least we have decorum," said Sablan.

Sablan has accepted that the presence of setback is something that can't be helped.

"There will always be a setback, and that is a frustration that I face. The more hopeful that we would have a more speedy process in tabulation, there is always something that gets thrown in there that is always going to set us back," she said.

"What I'm alluding to is that whenever we have to try out different interpretations, follow different authority's perspective and their interpretations, it's difficult for me as a chairman to have to keep changing, because that is what we [keep] having to

do. It's frustrating for us and I know it's frustrating for the community because they're thinking the chairwoman has been there for 20 years, so there has to be some stability, there has to be some progress, but there is always something that comes up, like new people we have

to work with such as new board, new commissioners, new directors, and different interpretations," she added.

The final result of the 2016 general elections will be known when the absentee ballots will be counted two weeks from election day or on Nov. 22.

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## Kilili hopes Torres will use connection with Trump

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) hopes that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres would use his position with the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump to further push issues that concern the Commonwealth.

Torres is co-chair of the Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee, together with Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo. The committee consists of the U.S. territories—American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands—and the commonwealths of the Northern Mariana Islands

and Puerto Rico.

Trump, in a statement early this year, said the committee would be integrated into his transition team and its main task is to create a holistic review of all federal regulations affecting the territories and commonwealths.

Sablan, speaking to the media yesterday, focused on Trump's immigration policies, which he consistently talked about during his campaign. "I'm concerned about his immigration policies. I'm concerned about what would happen to the CW program

[CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Nonimmigrant Visa]."

"The Obama administration kept the cap high so we could have a lot of foreign workers. Trump promised to protect American jobs and keep out foreign competition. Will he agree to a different policy for the Marianas? I don't know and I can't say right now," added Sablan, who ran unopposed for his fifth term as the CNMI delegate to the Republican-led U.S. Congress.

He said the worst case scenario for the CNMI is for the

Trump administration to pull the plug on the CW-1 program. Trump had said during the campaign that he would bring back jobs and stop competition from foreign workers.

Sablan, however, said that he is hopeful Trump would temper down as he settles in and slowly lays out his political agenda, and that Torres would use his position on the new administration to push for issues concerning the CNMI. "We hope that he [Torres] would use his position with Trump and get things done. That would

actually be great if he could and would do that. My sincere hope is he [Trump] would temper down on some of his tough statements during the campaign. He will be in a lot of pressure from outside groups and he should also learn to be presidential."

Sablan is willing to work with a Republican-led Congress, which he had done in the past few years. "What I do know is I'm willing to work with the new administration and the Republican leadership, friends I have made over the years."

"Like Rep. Rob Bishop, the chair for insular areas

committee, Bob Goodlatte on immigration, Virginia Foxx that I believe would be the education chair, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski who helped with the submerged lands laws and extending the transition period."

Sablan said he is giving Trump the benefit of the doubt. "I don't know yet, I will give him benefit of the doubt. I think he would have people surrounding him that have experience in government and there's also Vice President-elect Mike Pence. Presidents are always surrounded by competent people to help manage the government." (*Jon Perez*)

## CUC board members mum about lawsuit

Members of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. remained silent yesterday in the wake of a lawsuit filed by two former corporation officials, who accused the board of

holding closed-door meetings disguised as "executive sessions" and using their positions for private financial gain.

The corporation's lawyer, James Sirok, said he has not

seen the complaint yet.

"I have not seen a copy of the complaint. As far as I know, I have not been informed by any of our board members that they have

been served with a copy of the complaint. So until we actually see the complaint and the allegations and read them, there is no comment," Sirok said yesterday.

CUC board chair Adelina C. Roberto and board members

Eric C. San Nicolas, Joseph T. Torres, Ignacio L. Perez, and Albert A. Taitano are being sued for allegedly violating the Open Government Act, the Government Ethics Code, and stipulated orders of the NMI district court.

Former CUC public information officer Brad Ruszala and former CUC chief financial officer Matthew Yauinto are suing CUC board members through lawyer George Lloyd Hasselback.

Ruszala said, "The specifics of our case is better explained by the attorney of our case, George Hasselback, but basically what we are alleging is that some violations of the

law occurred under the Open Government Act and we were interested in bringing the matter to court."

The alleged violations include holding an "executive session" on May 4, 2016, with discussions pertaining to petitions for rate increases that should have been held in a public session. Certain board members allegedly influenced and attempted to influence customer service employees to help certain CUC customers avoid late payment based on personal relationships to them. Failure to fill senior management positions is an alleged violation of the stipulated order. (*Michael T. Santos*)

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teachers. One of the things that I would like to look at to address that particular concern would be the recruitment and what we offer to our teachers," said Guerrero.

Guerrero said the retention of teachers in the CNMI must also be addressed.

"The problem is not only recruitment but also retention—what we can offer to new teachers as well as those who

have been serving with us. Typically, we're talking about salary, so those are definitely what we'd really like to visit with the management team and the [BOE] board."

Besides the growing manpower problems of the educational system, Guerrero does not plan to make any severe changes.

"One of the things that I have shared with the leadership team this morning is that we are going to continue the work that we are doing," she said.

"There are several strategic priorities that have been identified by the team and we're not removing any of them. We're moving forward and remaining steadfast in our focus to accomplish our goals for the system. As of right now, those are still our primary goals," said Guerrero.

Guerrero succeeded former Education commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, who retired from the position last Aug. 19.

Guerrero has been PSS' director of human resources since November 2013. Pri-

or to working for the PSS, Guerrero was teaching at the Northern Marianas College' School of Education. She also has served as a member of the NMC Board of Regents since October 2015.

Guerrero got her Master of Education in International Teaching at the Framingham State College, with a GPA of 3.97. Guerrero also has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education as well as associate degree in both Liberal Arts and Early Childhood Education from NMC.

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development.

He was nominated to the post by regent Irene T. Torres. His nomination was unchallenged.

"I'm excited. It's a new challenge for me. I had come up to the board thinking I would just be a regent, but not long after I joined the board, our chairman resigned for his [Frank Rabauliman's] own

personal reasons. The other members ended up nominating me for the position," said Evangelista.

Even though his new position would take much of his time, Evangelista, who is an alumnus of NMC, said he doesn't mind, stepping up to the challenge of being NMC board chair.

"It will end up taking up more of my time because I'm an attorney so I have a law office to run," he said. "Taking on the responsibility of a chairman adds more into my

plate, but as a former alumnus of this school, NMC is something that is near and dear to my heart. When the opportunity came about and when the other members had to pass on the opportunity of chairman and asked me to serve in that capacity, I accepted the challenge willingly."

Evangelista, who is with the Law Office of Michael Norita Evangelista, said he looks forward to serving NMC students.

"I look forward to contributing my time and my efforts

into hopefully bringing some improvements to NMC," he said. "At the end of the day, this is about serving our students and making NMC great and moving forward for the benefit of the students. That's why I am excited in taking on this challenge."

Evangelista studied law at the University of Idaho after obtaining a BA in Political Science at Washington State University. Prior to taking law, Evangelista obtained an AA in Liberal Arts at NMC.

## DYNASTY

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down in August 2015, followed by the hotel early this year. Operations of the offices continued until Aug. 5, 2016—the last working day for all remaining employees.

The remaining employees are from Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, and Thailand. They asked that their identities be withheld for fear of a backlash from Dynasty's former and new owners. Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. previously owned the Dynasty but it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last year.

The former employees are living in the hotel's housing barracks without food, water,

and electricity. The building has a generator but it still needs diesel for it to be operational. The generator had a supply for gasoline for the wastewater but it had already stopped and the remaining employees are chipping in to buy fuel.

"We use the generator at night if there's gas but if there's none, we use candles. We want to get our back wages, that's why we are waiting here, enduring this conditions. We're going to wait until the owners settled everything," said one of the teary-eyed employees.

The employees—jobless, with no salaries, and no work papers—now rely on donations and other basic goods given by Good Samaritans and other kindhearted individuals.

"We are left in the dark. We

don't know what will happen to us or if we will ever get paid. Our employers made a violation, but what's next for us after that?" asked another former Dynasty employee.

"What happened to us had a domino effect. We can't support our families back home. Our sons and daughters stopped studying. We also don't know what will happen to us if we go back to each of our countries," said the other employee in between sobs.

"We just support each other, we try to stay strong, and we need to survive. But once I'm inside my room, I can't help but cry with what has happened to me."

Mega Stars Overseas Limited took over the hotel, buying the facility from HKE in a multi-million dollar deal with plans

of injecting \$600 million to reopen the Dynasty and invest on new facilities on Tinian.

A huge number of former Dynasty employees have also decided to go home to their respective countries without the assurance of getting paid, while residents and U.S. citizens who were former employees have already found work in other companies, either on Saipan or in the mainland. Former employees were sent home in several batches.

*Saipan Tribune* reported that Mega Stars had already paid close to \$3 million in back wages since it took over the Dynasty in 2013. They had also paid \$1.1 million in business gross receipts tax through Dynasty, another \$349,000 in withholding tax, and \$1.777 million in gaming tax.

2019—just three years from now.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' administration, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), and business leaders—the Chamber, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Society of Human Resources-CNMI Chapter, and the Strategic Economic Development Council—have asked Congress for help in finding a solution to the CNMI's labor issues.

Tinian and Rota are included in the 18,000-worker increase in numerical cap. Alter City Group and Bridge Investment Group are building separate hotel projects on Tinian, while several investors are looking to develop the southern island of Rota.

Chamber president Velma Palacios said that having 18,000 foreign workers would be enough to help support the CNMI's current economic development in the next two years. "The number of workers, we don't have that right now. Even if you add all workers here and those who are studying or are in the mainland, it won't be enough," said Palacios. "We're all working toward the CW program to have an increase with the cap, we're working very hard on that. We emphasized that, although...a lot of businesses had hired local residents or U.S. citizens, there are still not

enough workers and we will still be needing our workers in the CW program."

She said that while a lot of businesses have also transitioned their employee to other applicable U.S. work visas—like H1 and H2—there are still those who are not qualified for that category. "So we need to find other ways, that's why we still need the program. There are a lot of jobs but we need people to fill them and we need workers."

"We've also explained that some businesses continue to advertise in order to hire U.S. citizens and locals. The small businesses would be affected the most since they can't afford all the increases and H visa [category]. They have to pass the costs to the consumers."

Members of the U.S. Government Accountability Office are scheduled to arrive this month to assess the CNMI's current labor issues. "They want to see if we're working to hire more U.S. citizens and training the local workforce. We do have a lot of companies, which hired and trained local citizens," said Palacios.

"They are working with the [Northern Marianas Trades Institute] and Latte Training Academy, especially in the hospitality industry. [Hotels] are also trying to do their own training program. But you can't train all, we need specific types of skilled workers and we can't just get them on the streets. You just can't train them in one month, there's a process in acquiring these skills."



## Family History Fair and Fireside set for Nov. 19, 20

Saipan's Family History Fair will take place on Nov. 19 at the American Memorial Park's amphitheater, while a Fireside event will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Nov. 20.

The Saipan Family History Fair is an annual event that takes place on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, to continue the knowledge of one's genealogy, a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor. It is based on the Family History Fairs held in Guam.

Valrick Welch, Project Traditional Technology project manager, said, "The Family History Fairs and Firesides are where the community is invited to learn about collecting, preserving, and sharing stories. The past History Fairs had Herman Guerrero share some interesting stories about his ancestors."

Several topics that will be covered in the program include: how to take digital photos of people and artifacts, DNA genealogy, how to use the website Familysearch for researching genealogies, as well as student entertainment being included into the program along with songs shared by the elders.

"Project Traditional Technology's main purpose is to increase intergenerational communication. In other words, make technology part of the solution, rather than let it be the cause of the intergenerational gap. The history fairs focus on the use of technology for researching family trees, recording stories, sharing stories, and preserving memories," Welch said. "I would like to thank the late Dr. Ishmael Stagner, for his input into the development of Project Traditional Technology and his permission to use his research and ideas for the project." (Michael T. Santos)

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## Joeten donates Kia Rio as hole-in-one prize

The Joeten Daidai Foundation has donated a 2016 Kia Rio as a hole-in-one prize for a golf fundraiser being organized by the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for the benefit of the state library.

Patty Palacios McDonald, executive director of the Joeten Daidai Foundation, said the brand new sedan will be a great incentive to encourage the island's golfers to enter the 2nd JKPL Fundraising Golf Tournament, which is set this Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort west course.

"We thought it would entice the players to purchase tickets and help support the event if there was a brand new car as a prize," said McDonald. "The golf tournament is important in regards to funding for the many library renovations being done right now—renovations that haven't been made since the opening [of the JKPL] in 1991."

Elizabeth Tenorio of Joeten Motors said, "We are about to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the library this December so we have been trying to attain more funding for improvements in the library. The upcoming tournament is meant to raise money



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

Members of the Friends of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and the Joeten Daidai Foundation pose for a group photo in front of the foundation's donated car at Joeten Motors last Nov. 9.

for the library and the Joeten Daidai [Foundation] just wanted to spice things up by donating a car."

"I think it's great! I believe it adds a lot of friendly competition and excitement to the tournament. Of course anyone would be excited to receive a brand new car and I'm happy about the donation. I'm glad the foundation decided to sponsor this and I look forward to the event this Saturday," Tenorio added.

JKPL acting director Erlinda Naputi said, "We are very pleased with the donation to

make our golf fundraiser more attractive and sellable. We're fortunate to have the Joeten Daidai Foundation supporting us. They've been supporting us since day one. With the donation today, it's evident that they are committed to helping the community."

Aside from the Kia Rio offered in one hole, the tournament is also dangling \$5,000 in cash on another hole-in-one hole. For more information about the 2nd JKPL Fundraising Golf Tournament, call 235-7322 or 7316. (*Michael T. Santos*)

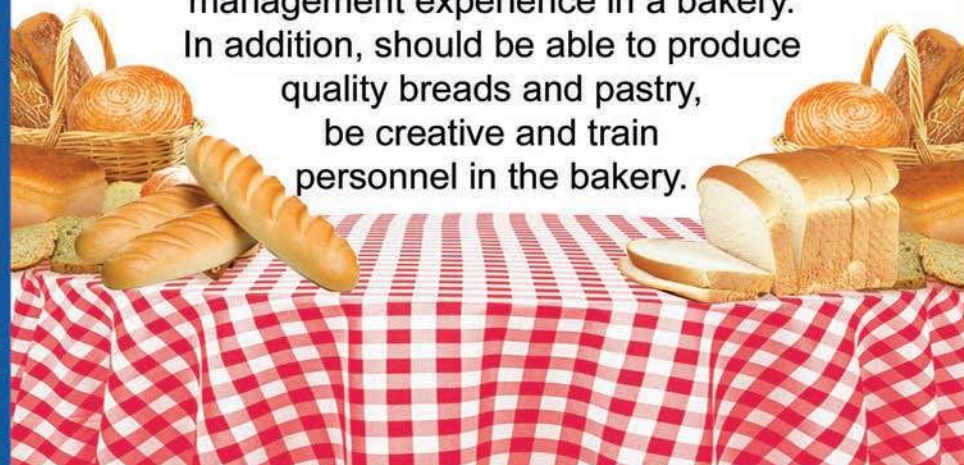
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## SINMI marks 4th charter celebration

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At that charter celebration, SINMI announced the winner of the Live Your Dream Award, which provides financial support to eligible women in the NMI to pursue their educational goals.

Rachel Ashley P. Reyes, who is majoring in Education with Emphasis in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, was awarded \$2,000 to use to offset any costs associated with her effort to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation. A panel of three judges selected Reyes based on glowing recommendations from her instructors and a touching personal essay, which described the challenges that she has faced and her commitment to finishing her degree and caring for her child.

All applicants for the Live Your Dream Award needed to demonstrate that they were the primary financial support for their families, financial need and enrollment in, or acceptance to, a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

The keynote speaker for the event was Yvonne R. Pangelinan, who highlighted the need for girls to discover their strength and for the community to educate and encourage girls to pursue careers in fields such as math, science and engineering, where few women work today. Pangelinan movingly spoke about her individual struggle to attain higher education and improve her confidence while balancing the needs of her family.

The event featured Kanoa Resort's delicious shrimp skewers and tacos, a tasting of Gallo wines donated by D&Q Distributors, locally brewed beer from Saipan Brewing, Sweet Saipan chocolates as party favors, marine-inspired decorations and a photo booth in the shape of a ship's rail, which was created and donated by Seafix.

During the event, artists Tanya Salas, Mark Robertson, Tammy James, Mike Ronesia, Jill Arenovski, and Meena Benevente displayed and sold their work, as well as donated items to the raffle held during the celebration. SINMI sincerely thanks them and the following for their contributions: Chelu Photos, Triple J Wholesale, Saipan Brew-

ery, The Shack, Brabu, Vietnam Home Gallery, Monica's Gallery, Natural Nail Spa, D&Q Distributors, Gold's

Gym, Sweet Saipan, G&M Corp., Emma Perez, Paradise Dental Clinic, Mariana Resort and Spa, Pacific Islands Club,

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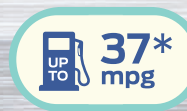
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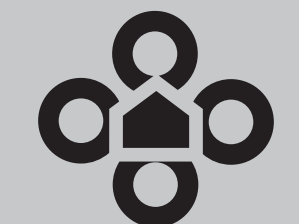
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# 'US territories have a voice in Trump's win'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Tores said that President-elect Donald J. Trump's victory would result in the five U.S. territories having a direct link to the White House. The businessman-turned-reality star was elected the 45th U.S. President, beating Hillary R. Clinton and getting 276 electoral votes against the 218 of the former Secretary of State.

The Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from the five U.S. terri-

ties—American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands—was one of the things the Republican Party had agreed to during the GOP National Convention where Trump accepted his nomination.

Tores is co-chair of the committee with Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo. He said in a statement that he was among those who pushed for the creation of the committee to Trump and the Republican National Committee being the co-chair.

"I congratulate Mr. Trump for becoming the next President of the United States. I also

want to extend my sincerest appreciation to Secretary Clinton and her supporters for being active participants in our democratic process," said Torres.

"As a co-chair on the Republican Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee, I personally advocated to Mr. Trump and the Republican National Committee for the creation of a commonwealth and territories advisory committee that will appoint a direct link to the White House."

He said he pushed for the creation of the committee. "That decision has always been with the CNMI's best

interests at heart. I will personally make sure our people have a voice on the national table so that we can continue to raise the standard of living here for everyone."

### Working in harmony

Tores hopes the nation would now unite and work together after a stressful and highly contested campaign. "There is no doubt that this year's presidential election was stressful, frustrating, and even strange. I pray that our country reunite for a smooth transition of power between administrations."

"But it's important to note

that our democratic process allows for us as citizens and as a U.S. Commonwealth to write our own stories of success. Here at home, we have to continue the work of creating a better standard of living for everyone who calls these islands home."

He also assured the community that his administration would continue to work hard to move the CNMI forward. "I will continue to work with the people you elected this year to ensure our economy continues to grow, so that we can address the issues that matter the most to you."

"That includes creating more jobs for our people, meeting the needs of our retirees, improving our health care, and providing more to our students for their futures," he added.

### Kilili's message

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) also congratulated Trump. He said that, although he supported and vigorously campaigned for Clinton, he respects the choice made by the U.S. voters.

"The American people have spoken and Mr. Trump is now President-elect Trump. Though, I supported Mrs. Clinton because I think she is the most qualified candidate for the office, I must respect the people's choice."

"Mrs. Clinton reportedly has called Mr. Trump to concede the election. Congratulations to President-elect Trump and to his supporters, including Gov. Torres and the local GOP."

### Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays.

"We're looking forward to another year of showcasing our island's arts, crafts and gifts. We still have a couple of tables available for any interested artists or vendors," said Richard Sikkell, one of the event organizers. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827).

The holiday bazaar is like a mini Flame Tree Arts Festival with air-conditioning.

For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children.

The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. Raffle prizes have been donated by island businesses and vendors. (PR)

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# Torres says now is time to further shared vision

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres praised all the candidates for deciding to run for the various elective posts up for grabs and in the process congratulated those who have either won or are on their way to victory.

The local GOP, after the counting of the ballots for early voting and last Tuesday's mid-term elections, are on their way to grabbing 15 of the 20 seats at stake in the House of Representatives while sweeping all three

Senate posts. The Commonwealth Election Commission is now waiting for the arrival of all absentee ballots to finally declare a winner.

Torres said he is optimistic the local GOP will have a firm control of the Legislature. "I'm optimistic the current situation would stay the same. We have 15 from the GOP at the House. Some of the races are still close and absentee ballots will have an effect with the final outcome."

He also thanked the community for fulfilling its civic duty.

"Overall, I'm happy with the turnout and that we got a lot of people to vote. That's all we've ask for, come out and vote. A lot of folks also took advantage of the early voting, including my wife and myself."

"I would like to thank the people of the Commonwealth for exercising their right to vote. I congratulate all of the winners and thank all the candidates for their commitment to civility and public service."

**Shared vision**  
With the election over, Torres said it is now time to work to further push the CNMI forward. "The results today are a testament to the strength of our growing economy and the hope people feel for our future."

"Two years ago, [the late] Gov. [Eloy] Inos and I, along with the CNMI Republican candidates, brought the voters a vision for our islands and asked the people for their vote of confidence. Today we see that the confidence was not misplaced."

He is confident the leaders chosen by the people share his and Inos' vision.

Maratita, and rookie Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. in Precinct 1.

House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan and Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair John Paul P. Sablan will again represent Precinct 2, while press secretary Ivan A. Blanco topped the race for Precinct 3 followed by incumbents Blas Jonathan T. Attao, and Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez, as well as GOP incumbents Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, and Jose I. Itibus.

Gregorio Sablan Jr. and Itibus, however, are not yet assured of the seats as they each hold slim leads over independent bets Roman C. Benavente and Ralph N. Yumul. Sablan Jr. has 1,444 votes against Benavente's 1,377 for a 64-vote lead, while Itibus is up by 41 votes over Yumul, 952-911.

Precinct 4 will have Vinson Edward (Independent) F. Sablan and Alice Igitol, while Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (independent) and Francisco C. Aguon for Precinct 5. Edwin P. Aldan and Glenn L. Maratita, both Republicans, are ahead in Precinct VI (Tinian) and VII (Rota) races.

Rota Municipal Council chair George O. Hocog, Senate President Francisco M. Borja (Tinian), and Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (Saipan) are also leading the Senate races.

Torres said the election is a special time for people to speak out by choosing the leaders that would steer the direction of the Commonwealth.

"The people have spoken. The elected officials are here to represent you. I'm happy with the result but either way we are here to work for you."

"We will be sharing the continued vision of the late governor Inos and the current administration. All elected officials want to do good things for the community, but how do we get there? We're here to make sure we are going to work together."

He assured the community that his administration remains committed in improving the lives of all the people in the CNMI. "Despite all the progress we have achieved together this last two years, this administration remains committed to improving the lives of all of our people throughout our islands by increasing job opportunities, supporting our private sector, working toward increased wages, and caring for the most vulnerable among us."

"There is still much work to be done and I look forward to working alongside all members of the 20th CNMI Legislature to see the bright vision we have for our Commonwealth become a reality."

**GOP-led Legislature**  
Reps. Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and vice speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero are the incumbent lawmakers who were re-elected to join top vote getter and independent bet Edwin K. Propst, the returning Janet U.

## Some 317 SSHS students participate in mock polls

Last Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, some Saipan Southern High School students had their first experience of voting with a mock election at their school.

Three hundred and seventeen students at Saipan Southern High School participated the SSHS Close-Up 2016 U.S. Presidential Mock Election. Most of the participating students came from Social Studies classes. Participating students also included students from other classes, grade levels, and backgrounds.

Anyone willing to express their opinion on who should be the next U.S. president cast their ballot last Thursday at the school's library.

Saipan Southern High School's Close Up Club hosted the event to learn more about its students' opinion on this year's presidential election. The club hopes that this event could possibly fulfill their mission of "informing, inspiring, and empowering young people to exercise their responsibilities as a citizen."

Although unofficial, mock elections still play a role in students' knowledge about the voting process. Though not exactly representative

of how the U.S. President is elected—knowing about the Electoral College process—students were still given an opportunity to physically experience voting and become cognizant about their voting rights and responsibilities as a citizen.

Students who cast their ballots chose among the four candidates: Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Jill Stein, and Gary Johnson. Out of the 317 votes, 71 percent voted for Democratic candidate Clinton, 11 percent voted for Republican candidate Trump, 11 percent voted for Libertarian candidate Johnson, and 7 percent voted for Green Party candidate Stein. The presidential candidate that obtained majority of the votes in the mock election this year was Hillary Clinton, who garnered 226 votes.

For the past 10 years, mock elections results of Saipan Southern High School have successfully called the winner.

The SSHS Close Up officers and advisor were grateful that the Mock Election emerged as a successful event. They hope that this tradition will continue in future years. (Jiajin Xu)

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# Christmas in the Marianas throughout December

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This year, the event will be held on the first three Saturdays of the month and then the last two Fridays.

"The final Saturdays in December are Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, so Christmas in the Marianas will be held on Friday on those two weeks instead," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "We are looking forward to again working closely with PDM Promoters and Team PDI to bring a joyful celebration to our visitors and the community on the first three Saturdays of the month, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, and the last two Fridays, Dec. 23 and 30. We invite everyone to come down and celebrate the holidays with us from 5pm to 10pm each of these evenings."

The celebration will kick off on Dec. 3 with the annual schoolwide Christmas Tree Decoration Competition at Paseo de Marianas in down-



Carolers take to the stage at Christmas in the Marianas in Saipan on Dec. 23, 2015. The annual holiday celebration will return to downtown Garapan on Dec. 3, 10, 17, 23, and 30, 2016, from 5pm to 10pm.

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town Garapan. The trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall in the tourist district throughout the month. Also, elementary and middle school students will sing their hearts out at the annual Christmas caroling competition.

On Dec. 10, high schools will compete in the skit competition.

On Dec. 17, the Parade of Floats will be held around sunset from the Carolinian Affairs Office in Garapan along Beach Road to American Memorial Park, followed by a costume show.

Dec. 23 and 30 are open for those who would like to perform at Paseo de Marianas. The Japanese Mochitsuki Festival will be held on Dec. 30, marking the pounding of rice

to make mochi, a traditional event in preparation for the new year.

Participating schools are Oleai Elementary, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary, Kagman Elementary, San Vicente Elementary, Saipan Southern High, Marianas High, Kagman High, Tanapag Middle School, Dandan Middle School, Agape Christian School, Green Meadow

School, Grace Christian Academy, Northern Marianas International School, and Mt. Carmel School.

For more information

on the event, contact MVA Community Projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or (670) 664-3200/1. (MVA)

## Veterans Day ceremony set today at the AMP

Everyone wishing to pay his or her respects to veterans of the United States are welcome to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park today, Nov. 11, starting at 11am.

The event will be in honor of all veterans who have served the United States. The Saipan Pacific Winds and Marianas High School will perform. The Saipan Southern High JROTC will perform color guard duties. Keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Stephen K. Curda will say a few words.

Brad Ruszala, who will be the master of ceremonies, said, "It's really great to know that our local government and our governor continue to support folks who are selflessly volunteering to serve our country. It means a lot to everyone who has been deployed or who's served in any branch to know that the folks back home care about what we did."

"The people in the CNMI have such a high percentage of folks who have served and this is just one of the ways where we can show our appreciation to friends, family members, and even people we don't know," Ruszala said.

Other invitees to the event include Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, acting governor Victor Hocog, and acting Saipan mayor Antonia Tudela.

Ruszala said, "There is actually this one thing that I'm looking forward to on Friday. There's a part in the ceremony where they specifically acknowledge people who served in Vietnam from 1955 to 1975. At that point in time, soldiers who came back from war weren't received as warmly as people are nowadays. So tomorrow will be a great opportunity to show our gratitude and sort of make up for lost time." (Michael T. Santos)

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Kagman High School expresses its appreciation to Pacific Development Inc. for its continuous support for the school. Here, Masa Takahashi, right, and Gordon Marciano, PDI general manager, left, present a \$500 donation to sensei Marcy Halstead, center, KHS Japanese teacher, and to Kagman High School's Japanese Cultural Club.

## Water outage in San Vicente

Residents of San Vicente between Isa Drive and Atkiya Drive will experience a temporary water service interruption tomorrow, Nov. 12, 2016, from 8am to 5pm due to a waterline repair on the existing

10-inch water main.

One lane will be closed on the northbound lane of Isa Drive. For the safety of our men and women working at the site, motorists are advised to proceed with caution and

take alternative routes when traveling through the area.

Water service hours will return to regular service hours on the evening of Nov. 12, 2016, 5pm. For more information, contact

the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>).

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### EDITORIAL

## Time to heal and move forward

Midway through the 2016 presidential campaign, when it became clear Donald Trump would claim the Republican nomination, a rueful joke circulated among disbelievers: "Can we just admit that we may have taken this 'Anybody can grow up to be president' thing a bit too far?"

The disbelievers have gone from laughter to shock. On Tuesday, Americans put the future of their nation in the hands of Donald Trump, an untested leader with deep character flaws and no experience in governance or national security. Voters delivered a humiliating rebuke to America's political establishment and to the hangers-on—the pollsters, the pundits, the media elites, the celebrities who surrounded Hillary Clinton on stages even as Trump stood alone.

Humbled Democratic leaders and others who had predicted Clinton would win 300 electoral votes or many more instead watched, agape, as Trump picked off states that Barack Obama had won handily. This wasn't a landslide, but it buried Democrats under plenty of rubble. All that talk of taking back the U.S. Senate and just maybe the House? The assumption that a Democratic president would reshape the U.S. Supreme Court? All gone. Let the Democrats form their circular firing squad for the volleys of blame that now commence.

It's a monumental win for a candidate many Americans didn't take seriously. How did he do it?

Trump, a brash real estate billionaire and media personality whose biggest previous achievement was building his glitzy Trump brand, has pulled off the greatest marketing feat of all time: the creation of Donald J. Trump, president-elect of the United States of America.

Shudder if you will, but recognize Trump's talents as a communicator. With his defeat of Clinton, his vision—his branding of the country—is now America's chosen path. The people have spoken. The next president will be an ego-driven outsider, a name-caller who struggles to control base impulses, who avoids self-reflection, and who shows little interest in policy, diplomacy or the accuracy of his statements.

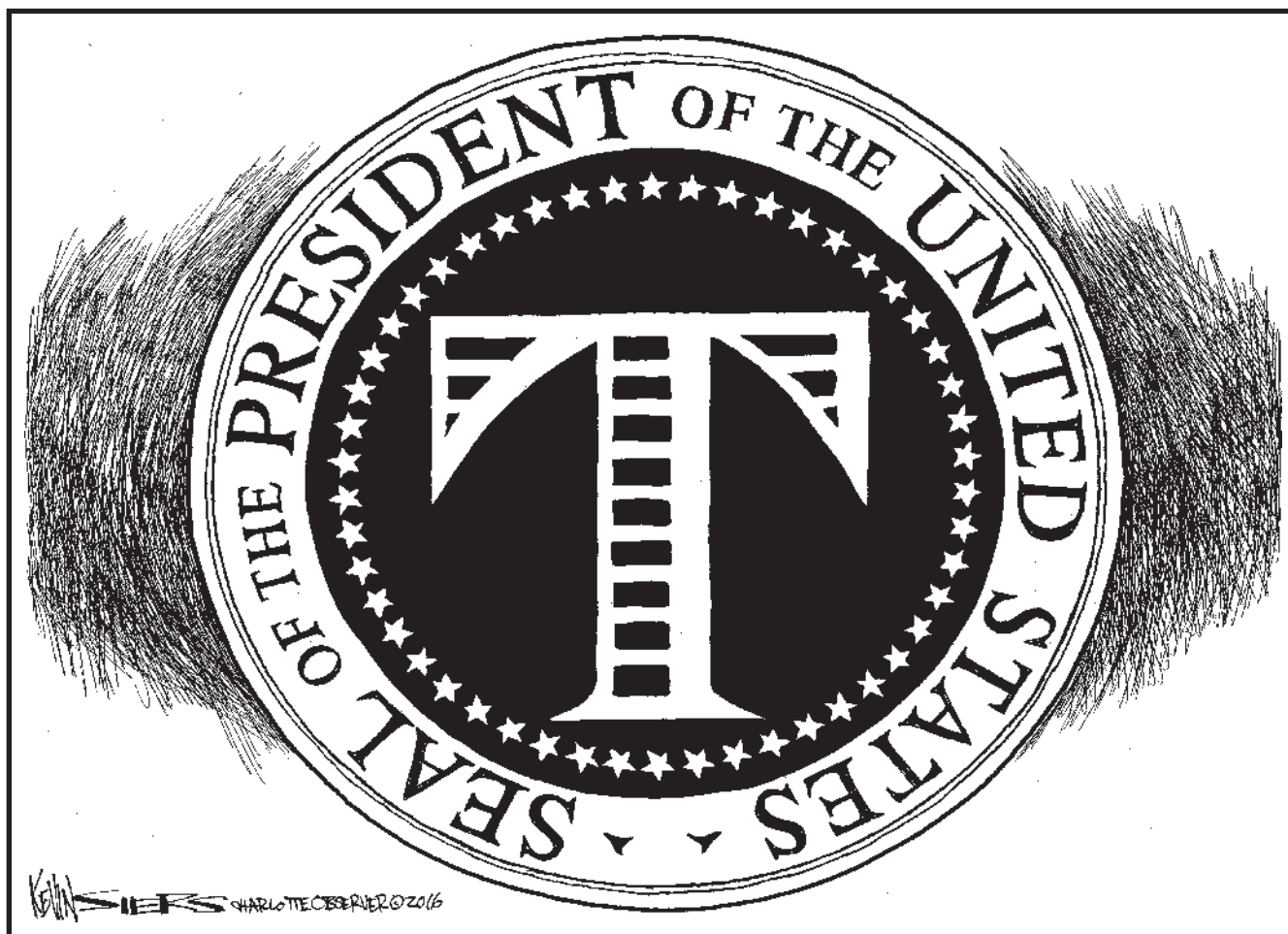
Trump's crowning ability, which led him to victory, is salesmanship. Our brightest hope is that the president-elect will harness his gift for connecting with disaffected voters in the service of all Americans. It will be a tremendous stretch; we do not see in Trump the capacity to lead or commit to any cause beyond his own self-interest.

His appeal is rooted in a long-standing fantasy about how to improve our imperfect republic: Wouldn't it be great, many voters came to believe, if they could elect a hard-charging business executive as president, someone who knows the value of a buck, has no patience for politics as usual and just ... gets things done?

But will much of anything get done? Both parties are divided internally; Democrats surely will try to thwart this new Republican monolith in Washington. Think back to Obama's first two years, when Democrats held the Congress—until the tea party movement rose from the ashes of Republican defeats.

The last eight years have seen politics outmuscle policy and gridlock imperil growth. We have no illusion about the chal-

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## The old man and the MP3

The loss of an inexpensive little MP3 player shouldn't cause big consternation. I must report, though, that I have gone full cranky over the matter. And, as we all know, you should never go Full Cranky.

Maybe I'll just dial things down to Moderate Cranky. So I'll note that many plugged-in whippersnappers aren't going to care about my old man approach to audio files. You kids, with your smartphones and your ear buds and your iTunes; you're always listening to something. For you, a stand-alone MP3 player is probably a dinosaur since your phone has already got that stuff covered.

For me, though, a stand-alone MP3 player made a lot of sense. It was the most convenient way to listen to Chinese lessons. I wanted to squeeze this stuff into the gaps of my schedule, so getting untethered from the computer was necessary. Unless there's a WWII holdout still hunkered down in a cave in Marpi, I might be the last person on the planet who doesn't cart around a cell phone all the time. I've also had, and then retired, several little tablet computers, since I found that my appetite for screen time outside of working hours is limited.

A stand-alone MP3 player might be a niche item, then, but it happens to be my niche.

In this niche, for language lessons, where I'm constantly pausing and resuming the playback, a player called the SanDisk Clip Sport proved to be an ideal little gadget. It was small, about the size of a Chicken McNugget. I found that I could do most of the common operations by feel, so I didn't have to stare at the thing. Give me 15 spare minutes and a shady spot under a tree, and I could put on my headphones and make it through half a lesson while enjoying the scenery.

I never bothered to test the battery life but it was listed at 25 hours. I probably recharged it twice a month, if that. It recharged via a standard micro-USB port. In an era where technology seems to claim so much attention, this was one thing that just did what it was supposed to do and otherwise managed to stay out of the way.

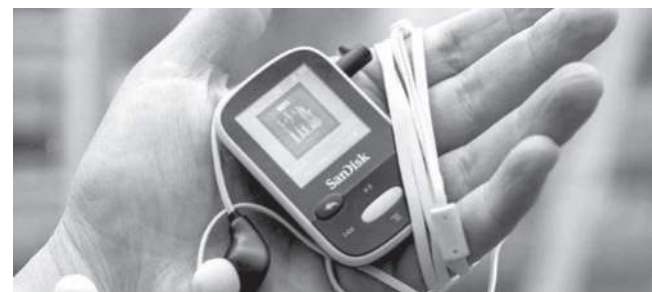
Anyway, after giving me years of faithful service, I rewarded its loyalty by losing the doggone thing. When I was shopping for a replacement I thought I'd get something fancier, more modern, and more impressive looking, so I wound up squandering money on things that didn't serve me nearly as well. I have only myself to blame for this, of course. That's what gets me on the road to Full Cranky.

Fortunately, the model that I liked is still available, listing for about \$44, so I ordered a replacement. After I reassure myself that some evil genius hasn't "improved" the design I'll procure some spares.

I've found this device useful for playing music as well, but I have very simple needs in that regard so I don't know how a

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The SanDisk Clip Sport.

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more demanding customer would fare.

So much for the hardware end of things. Meanwhile, here's something to consider: About 95 percent of the CNMI's tourists come from China, South Korea, and Japan. It's no coincidence that those are powerhouse economies, and I think it would be wise to study any one of those languages.

I was poorly equipped for this situation. In junior high school and in high school we could study French, German, or Spanish. Asia didn't apparently exist.

There are now many of us who are trying to make up for lost time by using audio-format lessons for Asian languages. This involves extra effort for brains that don't have the aural pliancy of youth.

If you compound that difficulty by putting a tonal language onto the plate (Mandarin, Cantonese, Thai, or Vietnamese, for example), it's not just more difficult; it's positively exasperating. In fact, in my case, I still don't know if it's really possible.

Consequently, I've stopped trying to learn new things. I merely concentrate on re-exposing myself to the old things. Audio files are useful for this. But, as useful as they are, I've never been willing to put up with any inconvenience to listen to them. That's why this seemingly trivial thing, a user-friendly MP3 player, wound up having such significance.

Well, that's my story. It's not a yarn worthy of Hemingway, I'll admit, but there it is anyway. Meanwhile, I'm staying at Moderate Cranky until I get my new MP3 player up and running. After that, I'll find some shade under a tree somewhere and I'll pick up where I left off.



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**Shoreline debris**

**W**ith any sense of vision, the gambling commission and the elected elite ought to know by now that another major source of casino revenue was recently shut down by China.

The Chinese president just killed the VIP service from any further use by the wealthy from home. Furthermore, China and Australia have agreed to swap information on money laundering and other financial transgressions as a crackdown by Beijing on alleged gambling-related crimes.

This has sent a chill through the casino industry. VIP service and junket tours in Macau are basically dead by order of the president.

Though embryonic at this point, there's also the likelihood that nearby Japan could turn itself into the hub of high rolling casino up ahead. It would thrive, what with more than 30 million wealthy people looking for some excitement. Would any of this group ever slide by the border into the islands? I wouldn't even think about it. It's the future of the casino industry in a nutshell!

**Wobbly future:** The shutter of junket tours and VIP service effectively ended, the casino industry quizzes prospects for its revenue generation when the wealthy can no longer bring their money out of China.

The long arm of this decision would reach the Saipan casino here, greatly reducing the much-touted use of one or both services that no longer exist. Bad tidings for the industry even at the get go. The alternative is to promote our industry in Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and other wealthy countries including Scandinavia.

With less revenue it means trouble for retirees on Tinian and Rota. Saipan legislators would be on full press to meet the needs at home first before opening the door of blind generosity.

**Geopolitics:** When the Republic of the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia pivoted to China, it sent a cold chill down my spine as I sit, hopeless and ignorant, what comes down the pike in geopolitical relationship between the two giants.

Could our country cede military, trade, investment, among others, to China? And the former isn't sitting pretty either. It is out aggressively investing her eggs where she could eventually count chicks as her own. China is out investing billions of dollars across the region.

Our country must reset buttons in imaginative fashion to strengthen its ties with Manila and Bangkok and other allied countries in the region. It must meet with its leadership to figure out what makes them stay up all night, soon. Is U.S. Pacific power in peril?

**Political stage:** With the final ballots counted, we now know the decision of the multitude that seems to defy reasoned expectations. Or is it a misperception on my part? Wasn't the paradigm about change for the better? Isn't there a crisis of confidence in civic institutions? The outcome doesn't necessarily resonate with expressions we've heard before the election!

The path has been set for a unified government with a Republican majority in both chambers. Be that as it may, people would

continue clamoring for a government of laws. And the vicious challenge lies in delivery of expectations.

Stunning how issues are trashed in favor of corporate dictates derailing the true sentiments of "we the people." At any rate we would eventually see what went down the pike of alleged voter fraud, intimidation and bribery.

There's that whispery echo in my ears, signifying some bad omen coming down the pike. I wonder if we would ever see the Ship of Hope make it to safe port? Still convinced not all is lost and not when there's still dawn and dusk willed by nature since time immemorial! Time will reveal corporate manipulation in the just completed election.

**GAO's review:** The U.S. Government Accountability Office, an investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, would be here to review the impact of the federal minimum wage and labor issues.

The issues, specifically their impact, would be mirrored against reported economic growth, its ability to absorb the new wage and salary imposition, realistic programs to develop the local workforce, among others. Is there one focusing on the training and education of our people? If not, is there an explanation for such an inadequacy?

Would there be an opportunity to continue the CW program beyond 2019 or would USINS stick to its current position?

Obama's failed amnesty program has seriously presented weapons against anything immigration. In short, there's a fat chance USINS would shift position much less a viciously riled up Republican bunch in Congress rallying behind wobbly needs. We can genuflect and employ another round of *mea culpa* but immigration issue is one that is under the sovereign disposition of our national government.

Federal minimum wage is designed to help empower U.S. citizens meet familial needs. Moreover, Washington is wary how

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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private industries here have suppressed wages over the last 30 to 40 years. This needs clarity and rectification more so than ever before. Why hire workers who still must line up for food stamps and housing vouchers?

**Opportunities shut:** Appalling the newly asserted "vision" in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Nah! Some 85 years ago, an author has this to say about entitlement programs:

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody that the government does not first take from somebody else.

"When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and she the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it." So said Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931.

Anyway, indigenous tradition has it that we earn our dues! Is the elected elite poised to set economic prosperity in motion?

**'SPJ prepared and ready to work with Trump'**

**By LYNN WALSH**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**T**he Society of Professional Journalists believes public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy.

On Wednesday, people from across the United States voted for their next president. They voted after being informed about the candidates and their positions by journalists.

We want you to know the Society is prepared and ready to work with President-elect Donald J. Trump and his administration to ensure journalists continue to function free and without fear of prosecution—as intended by our founding fathers.

However, you may, understandably, be concerned about the future. We saw a campaign trail littered with attacks against "the media" and journalists from both sides. President-elect Trump's past comments and actions about and toward the press foreshadowed a potentially dangerous reality.

Even though a lot has been said and threats have been made, the Society, as it has for more than a century, will continue to work tirelessly to improve and protect journalism no matter what obstacles and challenges may stand in the way. For the American people, we vow to keep fighting to protect their right to know what elected officials are doing.

So, what's next? The Society needs the help of journalists and everyday Americans to lead this charge. SPJ needs you, to stand

with us in the fight for information, an open government, a free press and free speech.

Most importantly, journalists and news organizations need to continue responsible and ethical reporting, informing the public about their communities, our nation and the world. Americans—regardless of political allegiance—need to engage and invest in responsible and ethical reporting in order for it to thrive.

If you want to send a message that journalists will fight on; that ethical, accurate and fair journalism is here to stay; that access to government information will continue, we want your support.

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If we believe in these things, we must work to protect them. The Society has worked and thrived through the past 18 presidential administrations and will continue to do so.

We will be here for all journalists and all of America.

*Lynn Walsh is national president of the Society of Professional Journalists.*

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enges Trump will face. But surrendering to divisiveness, with a shrug and dim hope for the future, would condemn America to more of the same.

None of Trump's grandstanding would have worked if Americans were united in their optimism. But ours is a fractured country. On Tuesday, many voters declared themselves frustrated—worried that their standard of living is falling, angry at politicians who put their own interests first. Voters rebuked that political establishment. Beyond the usual divides between conservative and liberal, religious and secular, urban and rural, Americans signaled deep fears about the prosperity and security of their nation.

So Donald Trump will be president. And it is up to all America to accept the decision of the voters, because that is the keystone of our democracy. In return, the president-elect should relinquish his identity as an impetuous, tactless force of destruction and accept with newfound humility the grave responsibility he has been given.

This is a new day. Let it be a healing day for America.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR****Congratulations and thank you**

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, thousands of eligible voters throughout our Commonwealth, including our residents off-island, exercised their right to vote. On Nov. 9, 2016, their act of civic duty resulted in electing predominantly Republican candidates to both houses of the Commonwealth Legislature. On behalf of Tricia A. Manglona, Thomas Lee A. Manglona [on] Rota, and Aaron J. Murdock in election Precinct 4, we are forever grateful for your trust and confidence.

No matter what our opinions regarding the electorate's choices of candidates, they have spoken and we must accept their decisions and honor their intent. This is the bedrock of our representative democracy.

To the members of the Republican Party, both local and national, you have reason to celebrate. Yours is the thrill of victory, and the awesome responsibility of the public's trust is yours.

On behalf of the Central Executive Committee members of the Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas, I extend our heartiest congratulations to all our elected leaders, both partisan and non-partisan on a hard fought campaign and on your successful election. Today, you are the chosen ones!






**Daniel O. Quitugua**

Chair, CNMI Democratic Party

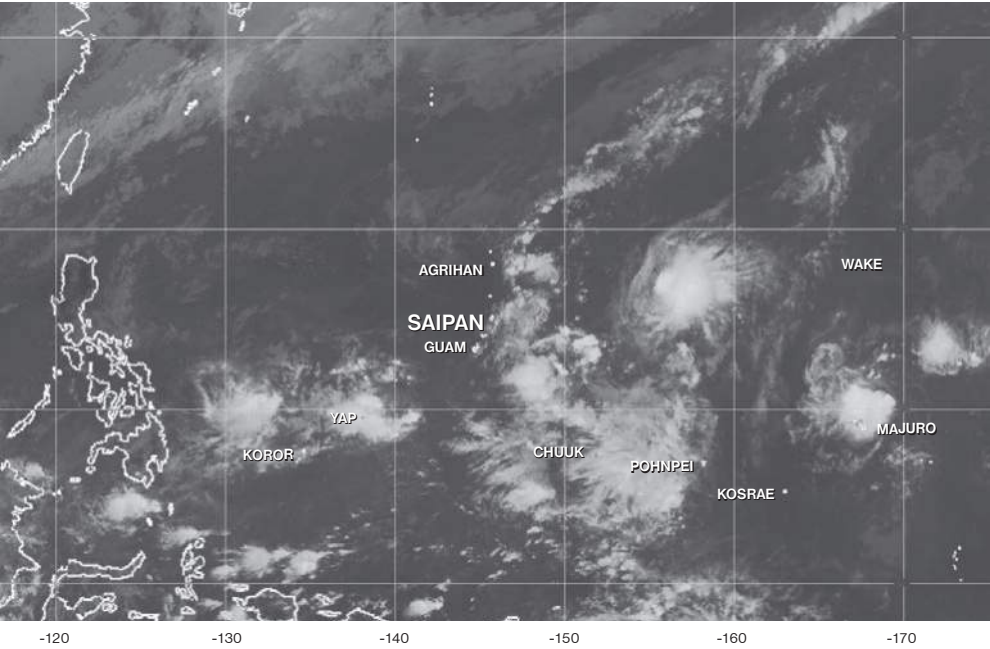


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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**PICTURE TIME: 6:06 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak trough is located just to the east of the Marianas. Light north winds and isolated showers prevail across the local area this morning. A circulation could be found north of Chuuk this morning near 11N151E. A weak surface trough stretches northwest of the circulation and extends to north of Saipan. These two features will move west and bring scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms Friday and Friday night.

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Palau	Mostly cloudy	80 / 87 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	80 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Partly sunny	78 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Sunny	77 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Mostly cloudy	79 / 86 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	82 / 86 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	58 / 67 °F
Beijing	Sunny	26 / 49 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	62 / 74 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	67 / 82 °F
London	Sunny	39 / 48 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	61 / 81 °F
Manila	Partly cloudy	77 / 89 °F
Melbourne	Partly sunny	44 / 73 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	67 / 78 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	44 / 58 °F
Osaka	Rain early	51 / 65 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	38 / 49 °F
Pusan	Showers	47 / 60 °F
Rome	Morning clouds	50 / 63 °F
Salem	Light showers	50 / 61 °F
San Francisco	High level clouds	58 / 67 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	36 / 55 °F
Tokyo	Tons of rain	44 / 54 °F
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10:26 AM	LOW TIDE	0.41 Feet
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11:31 PM	LOW TIDE	0.3 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
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Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	3:06 PM	2:34 AM
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UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
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UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
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UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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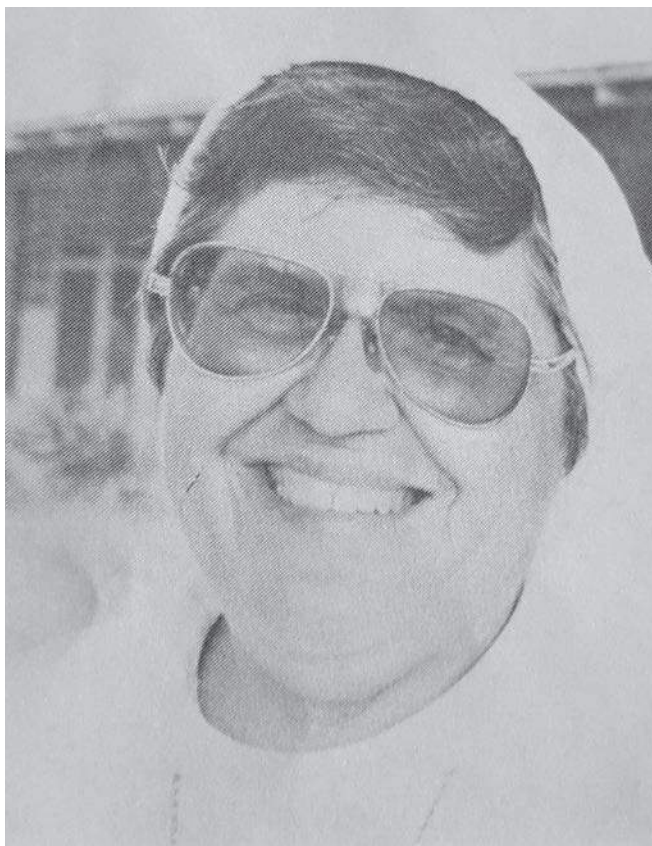




# Remembering Sr. Mary Louise Balzarini, MMB

Some remember her for her compassionate firmness. Others remember how down to earth she was. And many remember her unmistakable smile, which she always noted were her original teeth, not dentures. Sr. Mary Louise Balzarini of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz was many things to many people, but above all she was an educator who had a positive impact on generations of students at Mount Carmel School, Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center, and doctrina classes throughout the island. And while she recently passed away, her legacy remains.

"Boy, I was your dad's teacher, I'm your teacher, and I'm pretty sure I'll be your children's teacher one day," Carlos R. "Sonny" Shoda, 1985 AlumKnight, recalled Sr. Mary Louise telling him



this when he was in elementary school. "She knew all her students' names, their siblings and their parents' names, where they lived and where their parents worked."

"She also spoke Chamorro very fluently, and I even recall her speaking Carolinian to a fellow classmate," Shoda added.

1989 AlumKnight Charlotte Cepeda also remembers how Sr. Mary Louise knew everyone. "She knew everyone's family and would remind you of this important piece of information when necessary."

Cepeda, though, admits that she was not sure what to make of her. "In 1982, my family had just moved back from Oregon. On my first day of school, I see this frightening woman in white who walked down the Mt. Carmel corridor with purpose in each step. I was terrified!" That terror, however, quickly faded. "Then she smiled that piercing smile of hers (the one that reaches her eyes) and I thought to myself, I could love this woman if she gave me the chance. And she did... And I ended up loving her."

Many former students remember how they too were initially scared of her. However, as they got to know Sr. Mary Louise, they soon realized that behind that firmness was a compassionate love for all her students.

One such former student was 1984 AlumKnight, Jason Tarkong. He got to know Sr. Mary Louise under less flattering circumstances. "I was a frequent visitor to the Princi-



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq.*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

### AGENDA\*

- I. Preliminary Matters
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes
    1. September 22-28, 2016 Regular Board Meetings
    2. October 12, 2016 Regular Board meeting
  - E. Correspondence
- II. Public Comments\*\*
- III. Management Reports
  - A. Executive Director
    1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects
    2. Update on EPA Grant Projects
  - B. Chief Financial Officer
  - C. Legal Counsel
- IV. Executive Session\*\*\*
  1. Consultation with Legal Counsel on Legal, Personnel and Operations Matters
- V. Board Reports/Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business
  1. Personnel Committee
  2. Operations Committee
- VI. Adjournment

\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.

\*\* Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

\*\*\* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) VACANT PROPERTIES - OORT OF SAIPAN

## CPA-RFP-003-17

OCTOBER 27, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a lease contract for three (3) lots of real property leases of Authority property on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Authority has three (3) vacant property lots available for lease in an area zoned for commercial/industrial.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Proposal requirements and property details can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor – arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning Thursday, October 27, 2016, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proposals must be received by the authority at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd floor – arrival building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2016

### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

By: **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Acting Executive Director



pal's Office, both elementary and in high school." Those frequent visits, however, were for the wrong reasons. "Unfortunately, I'm sure she will say she remembers me best for all the trouble my brother Kaleb and I always got into."

Looking back, though, Tarkong is glad that she was a firm disciplinarian. "Sr. Mary Louise was a powerful woman—in voice, presence, and when she spoke, we listened." He is also glad that she never gave up on him. "She always told me I was a smart kid and

should be a better example to my younger siblings and use my talents to make a difference in the world instead of goofing off and making trouble."

1987 AlumKnight Lucie Ada Shubert had a similar story. "Sr. Mary Louise was without a doubt a disciplinarian, and I was at the other end of those conversations a couple of times, but I did not feel she handed down a disciplinary action so that one would be afraid or terrified."

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"Her eyes said something different. They displayed encouragement, maybe even a message that said, hey, you are better than that."

That faith in her students' potential is something that many other former students remember, including a current teacher at Mount Carmel School, Connie Kiawol. As she remembers, "In 1995 I came to Saipan to join the MMB sister with very poor English. The following year I was told that Sister Mary Louise would be my English teacher. I was excited yet worried and nervous. It was like walking barefoot on rocks."

That fear and apprehension, however, soon gave way to hope and joy. "Not long after we began our class I realized that I enjoyed so much not only her class but mostly being around her and listening to her stories." Kiawol added, "She loved what she was doing."

As Carlos Shoda remembers, Sr. Mary Louise was also full of joy. "She had an addicting laugh, the kind of laugh that you couldn't help but laugh along with her—loud and mighty, like her commanding presence, with the biggest of hearts I've ever known."

Her joy and love of teach-

ing were deeply rooted in a humble sense of service as part of her ministry. It was a ministry that she nurtured by daily prayer. As Shubert remembers, "One of my earliest memories of Sr. Mary Louise is leading us from our classroom to church to pray, celebrate and sing." Shubert especially remembers how Sr. Mary Louise would pray. "She would rock back and forth on her Birkenstocks in her white habit, especially when she sings the church hymns."

Kiawol put it best, "She was a woman of God."

Devotion to God and service led Sr. Mary Louise to have an indelible impact on hundreds, if not thousands of students, which is evident in what her former students said about her.

For Cepeda, "she was mother who loved hard and cared deeply. A mother who only wanted the best for her children. A mother who would do anything for her children."

As Tarkong put it, "God bless Sr. Mary Louise. She made a difference in my life by seeing the potential in me and giving me the words I needed to hear."

Or as Shubert said, "*Si yu'us maase* Sr. Mary Louise. It isn't possible to put into words the importance of the life lessons you shared and how much you meant to me. You will be missed dearly." (PR)

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# Pacific strengthens ties with peak Asian geoscience body

**BANGKOK, Thailand**—Strengthened cooperation between the Pacific community and a peak Asian applied geoscience body will further the use of geoscience to guide sustainable development in the Pacific Islands region.

A memorandum of understanding between SPC and the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programs in East and Southeast Asia has been

formalized by the Director of the CCOP Technical Secretariat, Dr. Adichat Surinkum, and SPC’s Geoscience Division director, professor Mike Petterson, during the 52nd annual session of CCOP in Bangkok, Thailand.

“This new agreement provides SPC an opportunity to work with some of the best applied geoscience organizations in Asia on critical areas for in-

clusive Pacific development, such as deep sea minerals and geothermal energy,” Petterson said.

Based in Bangkok, CCOP is an intergovernmental organization whose mission involves facilitating the implementation of applied geoscience programs in East and Southeast Asia to contribute to economic development and improve people’s quality of

life in the region.

To this end, CCOP promotes capacity building, technology transfer, exchange of information and institutional linkages for sustainable resource development, management of geo-information, geo-hazard mitigation and protection of the environment.

Since the mid-1990s, many aid donors have shifted their focus away from science,

leading to a depletion of geoscience capacity. Lately, Pacific regional organizations have made limited headway in expanding their scientific capacity.

SPC plays a significant role in helping the region attract geoscience-related aid funding and stitching the dispersed geoscience communities together, Petterson said. Universities in the region, assisted by geoscientists abroad and private employers, are also playing a role.

At the CCOP session, Petterson presented examples of how geoscience can contribute to inclusive Pacific development, and encouraged the Asian organizations to take a greater interest in the Pacific

and support its development.

One example explored deep-sea minerals as a potential new source of wealth generation and the challenges the region faces in developing capacity and addressing the environmental and social concerns of this emerging sector.

A second project in Kiribati has moved aggregate extraction from beaches only 3 meters above sea level to sediment-rich lagoons, providing new options for the future.

Petterson also presented on the promises and benefits of sustainable geothermal and ocean thermal technology for the Pacific, including highlighting the results of a wave power study concluded by SPC in mid-2016. *(SPC)*

## Pacific Nutrition Bingo promotes healthy eating

**SUVA, Fiji**—The Pacific community has released its latest version of Pacific Nutrition Bingo, a fun educational tool to promote healthy eating and combat the serious threat of non-communicable diseases in the region.

Released in the lead up to World Diabetes Day last Nov. 14, Pacific Nutrition Bingo actively promotes healthy foods and eating habits, and educates players about the concept and functions of three food groups: protective, body building, and energy foods.

The Nutrition Bingo game targets school children but is suitable for people of all ages and can be enjoyed by large or groups only a few people.

The Pacific Islands region has among the highest rates of diabetes and obesity in the world. The extent of these

and other NCDs is viewed as a human, social and economic crisis in the region.

“The promotion of a healthy, balanced diet is a major focus for prevention and control of NCDs,” the director of SPC’s Public Health Division, Dr. Paula Vivili, said.

“The adoption of eating behavior favorable to health from an early age is essential to prevent childhood obesity, and help reduce diabetes and cardiovascular disease in later life.

“Pacific Nutrition Bingo is a fantastic concept that lends support to the health promotion in school initiative in the Pacific.

“Language isn’t a problem as it can easily be played using pictures as a guide and it’s a fun and enjoyable way to teach good nutrition,” Vivili said. *(SPC)*

## Chamber to hold workshop for high schoolers

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual high school workshop at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, from 9am to 3pm. This event is free to public and private high school juniors and seniors. Each student is required to provide a parental consent form. This form can be found on the Chamber website, [www.saipanchamber.com](http://www.saipanchamber.com) or by contacting the Chamber office at 234-7150.

This workshop was developed by the Education Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce as an annual event in the effort to prepare high school juniors/seniors for the path that lies ahead when they graduate from high school. Donations have been received from Herman’s Bakery, Subway/Foremost, Saipan Ice, and LSG Sky Chefs to provide refreshments, breakfast, and lunch for all registered attendees.

Chamber members volunteer their time to host this workshop each year. This year, Shamika Ratwatte of Ernst & Young will highlight the importance of managing your finances in a “Personal Budgeting” segment. Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions will interact using real life examples to aid the students with resume/interviewing skills and time management strategies.

Certificates of completion will be presented to the attendees at the end of the day.

Special thanks go out to Herman’s Bakery, to Subway/Foremost, Saipan Ice, and to LSG Sky Chefs for their donations, and to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for the use of their facility.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is located on the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #315. For more information, call (670) 234-7150 or email [coordinator2@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipanchamber.com). *(PR)*



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## DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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### AMENDMENT TO THE NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of November 10, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
2. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Igua, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
3. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Certified Complete 10/12/2016
4. Department of Public Works	9/29/2016 SMS-2016-X-088	Route 33, Beach Road Improvement Project	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
5. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	10/14/2016 SMS-2017-X-003	Chalan Laulau Dormitories	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
6. Micronesia Resort Dormitory Dba. Kensington Hotel	10/14/2016 SMS-85-X-25 Amendment 2017-1	Well drilling	San Roque, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
7. Commonwealth Port Authority	10/25/2016 RLRm-2017-X-007	To place instruments on the harbor bottom to collect wave and current data	Songsong, Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 10/28/2016
8. Saipan Crewboats Inc.	10/27/2016 SPI-2017-X008	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 10/28.2016
9. Saipan A-Venture, LLC	10/27/2016 SLRm-2017-X-009	Snorkeling	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
10. IT&E	10/24/2016 STRWSPIm-99-X-247 Amendment 2017-2	Fiber Optic Cable System Installation (Residential)	Island Wide, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Under Review
11. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	11/3/2016 SMS-2017-X-010	Sugar King Hotel & Dormitory	Gualo Rai, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
12. Nury Corp. dba. Divewish	11/9/2016 SLRm-2017-X-011	Scuba Dive Tour Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

\$15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



# Company claims that M/V *Luta* owners failed to pay \$300K loan

A limited liability company has claimed to have a maritime lien on cargo ship M/V *Luta* after the vessel's owners allegedly failed to repay any part of their \$300,000 loan or any interest.

Long Consulting LLC, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Tuesday to allow it to intervene in a lawsuit filed by Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto against Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and some owners/operators of M/V *Luta*.

Long Consulting's complaint is suing M/V *Luta* for foreclosure of maritime lien. The company is also suing Luta Mermaid LLC, Hocog, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, and Fidel S. Mendiola III for breach of contract.

Luta Mermaid owns M/V *Luta*. Abelina Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, and Deron Mendiola are members of the company. Abelina Mendiola is based on Rota, while Fidel Mendiola is a resident of Louisiana, while Deron Mendiola is a resident of Idaho, according to court papers.

Guidotti asked the court to issue a judgment for \$300,000 against M/V *Luta*, plus 10 percent interest, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Guidotti asked the court to order the sale of M/V *Luta* and

for the proceeds to be applied toward any judgment rendered in favor of Long Consulting.

Guidotti stated in the complaint that Luta Mermaid, through Abelina Mendiola, approached Long Consulting in 2015 about a loan to bring the vessel from its dock in Louisiana into active service in the CNMI.

The lawyer said that on Nov. 4, 2015, Abelina Mendiola, in her capacity as president of Luta Mermaid, signed a loan agreement.

Under the deal, Long Consulting agreed to loan \$300,000 to Luta Mermaid in exchange for the vessel as collateral plus other promises. Abelina Mendiola also allegedly signed on Nov. 4, 2015, a security agreement that pledged the vessel as security for the loan agreement.

Guidotti said Luta Mermaid used the loan proceeds to fund M/V *Luta's* operating expenses from its dock in Louisiana to the CNMI.

Guidotti said Luta Mermaid operated M/V *Luta* in the Pacific Ocean, specifically in the waters around Saipan, Tinian, and Rota until the U.S. Marshals seized the vessel on Oct. 25, 2016.

Guidotti said that Luta Mermaid, Deron Mendiola, Abelina Mendiola, and Fidel

Mendiola have defaulted on the loan to Long Consulting by failing to make any payment on the \$300,000 principal amount or any interest.

Aside from Hocog, Yamamoto is suing M/V *Luta*, Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes—for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

Yamamoto alleged that Hocog and co-defendants refused to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for M/V *Luta*. He asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and cost.

The U.S. Marshal Service seized M/V *Luta* and appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as custodian of the vessel.

Last May, former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario filed a taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson over the alleged adoption of a Rota Legislative Delegation Resolution 19-3 without public notice that purportedly authorized payment of \$400,000 to Luta Mermaid, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Govendo dismisses theft case vs ex-cop

The Superior Court has dropped the criminal case against former police officer Florencio Q. Falig, who was accused of stealing a cell phone that a teacher forgot at a store in Kagman.

According to court records, assistant attorney general Heather P. Barcinas, counsel for the government, filed last Aug. 25 a motion to drop the theft case against the 47-year-old Falig.

Four days later, Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed the case without prejudice, which means the government can re-open the case in the future.

Bail that Falig may have posted and his passport in the custody of the clerk of court shall be released to him.

*Saipan Tribune* learned Tuesday that Falig wants to work back at the Department of Public Safety, since the case has already been dismissed in August.

Last June, Govendo found probable cause to charge Falig with a count of theft during a preliminary hearing.

Police said Falig stole a Gold Samsung Galaxy 12 cell phone that a teacher forgot at a store in Kagman last June 8 and that the act was caught by the store's surveillance camera.

Falig pleaded not guilty.

Falig was at the time assigned at DPS Patrol Section when police served him in Kagman with an arrest warrant for theft. He then posted bail.

At a bail hearing, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho also found out that Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio issued a bench warrant for Falig's arrest last May 12 for failing to appear in court at the scheduled May 2 hearing in a small claim filed against him by Express Financial.

It was not clear then why DPS did not serve the bench warrant on Falig.

Then-assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Falig, asked the court to release Falig on his own recognition. He cited the nature of the allegations and stated that it is possibly a simple mistake, and that Falig has been a police officer for 20 years and has no criminal record.

Camacho noted that Falig has prior cases that include violation of the Family Protection Act, contempt of court,

small claims, breach of contract, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that police investigation was initiated when a police officer was making a routine check by the pavilion in Kagman 1 and a concerned citizen approached and disclosed about a police officer stealing a cell phone at Brother's Market.

The concerned citizen expressed disappointment at seeing a police officer stealing a cell phone inside the store.

Shown with a photo lineup containing 21 photos of police officers, the victim identified Falig as the person she observed in the footage, taking her phone. Pangelinan said the victim was very upset because the phone contained photos of her students as well as other important information. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Oleai Elementary School PGFC competition winners:

### K-2 Division

#### Readers Forum B:

2nd Place-Dwayne Tabhan  
4th Place-Krislaine Cabanas  
5th Place-Ingrid Mallari

### Impromptu Speaking:

5th Place-Oceania Teigita

### Readers Forum B:

2nd Place-Latisha Ann de Jesus

### 3-5 Division:

#### Humorous Interpretation:

1st Place-Lars Wolf  
5th Place-Deejay Santomin

### Readers Forum Masters:

3rd Place-Evon Mallari  
5th Place-Oceania Teigita



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## SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-17

# INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for **Solid Waste Collection Services** for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The **bid package** containing all the specifications, date of pre-bid meeting, and other requirements will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **November 04, 2016** upon payment of **\$100.00** to be made at CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, mentioned above until **2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, Friday, November 25, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Bid for Solid Waste Collection Services at the Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-IFB-001-17". Bidders are to submit one (1) original and three (3) copies.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

### FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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## PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) UNIT VEHICLES PROJECT NO. IFB-002-17

# INVITATION TO BID

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of two (2) unit vehicles: **2017 SUV** 4-cylinder, 5/door, All Wheel Drive, 6-speed automatic transmission, air-conditioning, power windows/doors, all other features as per factory specifications and white color for Saipan and Tinian Airports. Bidder shall take into consideration all charges associated with this procurement before finalizing its bid price.

Bidders shall guarantee delivery of the vehicles to CPA within 90 days from award of this bid and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted through the CPA Executive Director via email at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp prior to November 11, 2016.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Procurement and Delivery of two (2) unit vehicles, IFB-002-17". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, November 18, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. and publicly announced. Bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening. Bids submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any bids received after the bid submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the bid would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This Invitation for Bid shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

### FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY.

**CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**  
Acting Executive Director



# CEC expects more absentee ballots to arrive

## NAVFAC engineers recognized for superior service

NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer Capt. Stephanie Jones, left, presents the Military Engineer of the Year certificate of award to Naval Base Guam Public Works Department FEAD director Lt. Cmdr. Henry Suter III, on Oct. 28 during an awards ceremony at Naval Base Guam.

NAVFAC MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer Capt. Stephanie Jones, left, presents the Civilian Engineer of the Year certificate of award to NAVFAC Marianas supervisory general engineer Kenneth Gould, who is assigned to the resident officer in charge of construction at Finegayan, on Oct. 28 during an awards ceremony Naval Base Guam.

NAVFAC MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

**APRA HARBOR, Guam**—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas formally recognized its military and civilian Engineers of the Year during an awards ceremony on Oct. 28 at Naval Base Guam.

Naval Base Guam Public Works Department Facilities Engineering and Acquisitions Division director Lt. Cmdr. Henry Suter III was awarded Military Engineer of the Year for his outstanding leadership and noteworthy accomplishments; NAVFAC Marianas supervisory general engineer Kenneth Gould was awarded Civilian Engineer of the Year for his technical expertise and razor-sharp focus on mission.

"I am honored and humbled," said Suter. "This represents an acknowledgement of what I have done, reflects the efforts and results of the teams I have led and the people I have worked with over the past year."

Suter manages an office of 46 personnel and 128 facilities construction and renovation projects with collective contract values of approximately \$300 million. During the year, Suter developed a scoring algorithm designed to objectively allocate facilities improvement funds to maximize mission readiness for the installation, and led his

team to execute in excess of \$15 million in facilities construction and improvement projects.

"I think my greatest accomplishment this year was introducing a leadership style to FEAD that empowered my team to succeed, and improved morale in the workplace," he said. "New personnel are able to tell within a few days that although we are very busy there is a positive work environment."

Gould is credited for improving office productivity while executing \$74 million in construction projects. He is further recognized for resolving challenges by injecting efficiencies within the munitions and explosives of concern program, which led to dramatic improvements in project timing and costs.

"I am honored to be recognized for this prestigious award," said Gould. "I would like to thank the team that I have the good fortune to work with here at resident officer in charge of construction Finegayan as this is a great recognition for them."

Gould also improved processes resulting in cost savings of \$6 million on construction projects and has dedicated more than 40 hours per quarter to training new field employees in construction.

"I believe that training and mentorship is imperative in order to build a strong team where every member is important and takes ownership in projects that promote team success," Gould said.

In separate congratulatory letters from NAVFAC Marianas commanding officer Capt. Stephanie Jones, Suter and Gould were appreciated for their continued exemplary service.

"Suter's exceptional professional engineering and leadership were instrumental in the successful execution of facilities construction and improvement projects supporting mission readiness for Naval Base Guam," wrote Jones. "Gould's selection attests to his technical knowledge, professionalism, mission focus and outstanding accomplishments while serving."

Each year, NAVFAC Marianas selects a military and civilian engineer of the year by panel and submits selections to NAVFAC Pacific where their nominations compete to represent the Pacific area of responsibility in a higher award recognition program. NAVFAC Marianas has more than 500 highly skilled civilian federal service employees, 30 military officers, and 15 enlisted Seabees. (USN)

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission is expecting more absentee ballots to arrive at the postal office on or before the scheduled Nov. 22 tabulation.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said yesterday that they sent a total of 1,699 absentee ballots and that only 984 arrived at the postal office on Tuesday.

Igitol said they will pick up the last absentee ballots at the postal office at 3pm on Nov.

22 as the postal office closes at 4pm.

She said they would accept the absentee ballots as long as they are postmarked on or before Nov. 8.

Igitol said the CEC commissioners will process and tabulate the absentee ballots at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe in the afternoon of Nov. 22.

Igitol said a machine will be used to count the absentee ballots.

After the tabulation of the absentee ballots, the election commissioners are expected

to certify the results of the Nov. 8 general election.

The absentee ballots could possibly affect those having close edges over their rivals such as the Rota Senate position.

The early voting and the Nov. 8 election ended smoothly. CEC's partial unofficial tabulation results showed that the CNMI Republican Party candidates dominated this year's general election, with all their three candidates winning Senate seats and 15 bets edging 18 rivals for House of Representatives seats.

## Man allegedly chases girl's car, punching window

A man who was arrested last month for domestic violence was apprehended anew on Wednesday, this time for allegedly chasing a car driven by a minor and repeatedly punching the window after she refused to open the door.

The 16-year-old girl was panting and her hands were shaking as she and her companion approached a police officer for help. Her 15-year-old male friend, who was her passenger, was also panting, police said.

Jiro Sablan Takai, 22, was arrested in As Lito for disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo allowed Takai to post a \$500 cash bail. He then posted bail.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Takai. Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley appeared for

the government.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that, according to the girl, she had gone to Kannat Tabla on her Mazda 3 last Oct. 28 before 8am to pick up her friend at his house to go to Southern High School.

When they came out of the Tun Joaquin Doi Road-Martinez Road intersection and headed south, she saw a low rider Nissan truck following her.

When the girl's vehicle came to a stop at the traffic light intersection by the Guangdong Hardware in As Perdido, she saw on the rearview mirror a man going down from his truck.

The man, later identified as Takai, walked over to the car's driver side and tried to open the locked door. The girl refused to open it.

Takai then allegedly punched the car's win-

dow several times. She was shouting in the car out of panic. She drove the car and proceeded to her family's house, which is the residence of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in Koblerville.

The girl and her friend approached police officer Felixberto Sablan, who was posted at Torres' house. The minors reported that they had been followed by a man driving a Nissan pickup truck with license plate AEC 601.

While Sablan was entertaining the girl's complaint, Takai came aboard his truck and told the officer that he wanted to talk to the girl. The officer told Takai to leave the place. Takai left but shouted at the girl, "I'll see you again on the road."

Last Nov. 7, the minors identified Takai in the police's photo lineup as the person who followed their car and punched the window. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Singers needed for Christmas musical

A heart-warming musical production is coming your way this Christmas season with Friends of the Arts' *When You Believe*. Singing parts are available for teens and adults! Auditions will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6pm at the Marianas High School Dolphin Theater. Start a tradition and come audition with friends and family for this cheery Christmas production! Show dates are Dec. 9, 10, and 11. (PR)

### High surf advisory

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, gentle to occasionally moderate winds are expected the next several days. Combined seas of 6 to 8 feet are expected to

subside to 5 to 7 feet by Friday afternoon and 4 to 6 feet over the weekend.

A high surf advisory now in effect until noon Friday. Surf will be hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs tonight and Friday morning. The surf is expected to subside below hazardous levels to between 6 and 8 feet by noon today.

The EOC is advising the public and inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, to avoid sailing in these conditions. Beachgoers and mariners are also advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. (EOC)

### Two scheduled power interruptions

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled two power interruptions to-

day, Nov. 11, 2016, from 6am to 12pm and tomorrow, Nov. 12, 2016, from 6am to 12p.m. Areas to be affected are Chalan Pale Arnold Road (from Sugar King to 99cents Supermart), Garapan St., Alaihai Av. (Duty Free, I Love Saipan), Puti Tainobiu Ave., Filooris Ave., Bikiki Ave., Kalachucha Ave., Upper Miha, and Nothern side of China Town (Sugar King Rd., Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor Pl.) (PR)

### Military training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on Nov. 14-18, from 2pm to 9pm. The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the date and times indicated. (PR)



# Off The Wall

## Thin peaks: Britons grumble as Toblerone chocolate shrinks

GENEVA (AP)—More valleys, fewer peaks: The maker of Toblerone Swiss chocolate has widened the spaces in some of its iconic, triangle-array bars, offering about 10 percent less product for the same price. Fans are outraged.

The multinational says the move—which affects products globally, though mainly in Britain—was necessary to cope with higher prices for ingredients. But many consumers are livid at the perceived sleight of hand and the change to the traditional look of the treat, first created in 1908 in Switzerland.

“The shape of the bar may have looked like the Swiss Alps before, now it’s a bit more Holland,” said British consumer Tony Mathews.

For many, the Toblerone is linked to travel—a gift pur-

chased at the airport before boarding a plane home—though it is increasingly available in supermarkets and shops.

Mondelez International, based in Deerfield, Illinois, said that pricing targets by U.K. discount customer Poundland prompted the change in Britain. It said the retailer, which sells goods for one pound (\$1.22), resisted a price increase, leading to the solution of offering less chocolate instead.

Poundland declined to comment.

Mondelez said that Britain’s vote to leave the European Union was not to blame. But it comes as British food retailers have faced rising prices for imported goods due to the drop in the value of the pound since the June vote.

In a shift akin to widening a



AP  
In this photo illustration two bars of the Toblerone Swiss chocolate are shown, at front is the new style 150 gram bar showing the reduction in triangular pieces, in the background is the older style 360 gram bar, pictured in London, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.

donut’s hole, the tweak in Britain involves shrinking a 170-gram Toblerone sold by British discounters like Poundland to 150 grams, said Mondelez spokeswoman Heide Hauer. The price remains the same.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Cops: Pair charged with stuffing toll baskets to steal coins

MAYS LANDING, N.J.

(AP)—New Jersey state police say two people have been charged with stuffing material into toll baskets on the Atlantic City Expressway to prevent coins from going in and then returning to steal the money. Troopers said Monday that 54-year-old Angela Freeman-Poles and 57-year-old Aljah Reaves were arrested and charged with theft in the scheme. The South Jersey Transportation Authority over the summer had alerted investigators about several toll basket failures and toll shortages at the Exit 5 entrance and exit ramps. Police say the Atlantic City residents were captured on surveillance footage tampering with the baskets and stealing coins off the ground at the toll plaza. Both suspects are jailed on \$35,000 bail. It’s not clear if they have attorneys.

#### Internet freezes for ‘mannequin challenge’ craze

Forget dumping ice buckets, dancing or planking, the latest viral phenomenon sweeping the internet consists of people standing still as part of the “mannequin challenge.” Videos of the challenge feature posing as mannequins in dramatic postures. They began to appear late last month online and by last weekend everyone from high school cheerleaders in Texas to the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks had taken part.

The Dallas Cowboys went airborne for their challenge, complete with a stoic Tony Romo being stuffed into an overhead compartment on the team plane. The challenge has become a victory celebration for some teams. Texas Christian, Penn State and Clemson’s football teams posted mannequin challenges after big wins Saturday. The videos are set to the song “Black Beatles” by rap duo Rae Srem-murd, which held a live version of the challenge during a concert last week. (AP)

#### College student has Kit-Kat stolen, company sends 6,500 more

MANHATTAN, Kan.

(AP)—Hershey has come to the rescue of a college student who had his Kit Kat bar brazenly stolen. Kansas State University student Hunter Jobbins tells The Wichita Eagle he left his car unlocked with a Kit Kat in the cup holder last month before running into his dorm building. When he came back, the candy bar had been replaced with a note. The thief wrote, “I love Kit Kats so I checked your door and it was unlocked. Did not take anything other than the Kit Kat. I am sorry and hungry.” Jobbins’ picture of the note went viral on Twitter, and Hershey responded by sending a representative to the campus with 6,500 Kit Kat bars. Jobbins stuffed the bars in his car and handed them out around campus last week.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Year Death Anniversary *In Loving Memory of Our Beloved* †Gregorio C. Cabrera



We, the family of the late †Gregorio C. Cabrera would like to invite all our families, relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Year Death Anniversary of our beloved’s passing unto eternal life.

The following Mass will be offered at Kristo Rai Parish at 6:00 a.m. from November 5 to November 11, and on November 12, 2016 Mass will be at 6:00 p.m.

On the last day Sunday, November 13, 2016, breakfast will be served immediately after Mass at the Kristo Rai Parish Social Hall.

Your prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank You – Si Yu’us Ma’ase

**The Family**



# Science & Technology

## How a billionaire's right-hand man became a big fish in a big pond

By PARESH DAVE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—The gig: Chris Hollod, 33, is venture capital partner at billionaire Ron Burkle's Los Angeles-based private equity firm Yucaipa Cos. They've traveled together for the last five years, with Hollod as the frontman on evaluating thousands of startup investment opportunities.

Hollod oversees Inevitable Ventures, backed by Burkle and musician D.A. Wallach. Inevitable's portfolio includes Common, Thrive Market and 8i—which are seeking to reimagine industries such as hospitality, groceries and entertainment that brought Burkle his fortune. The magnate's personal investments in startups such as meal-maker Munchery also run through Hollod.

They partnered with actor Ashton Kutcher and Madonna manager Guy Oseary on investment firm A-Grade. By backing Uber, Airbnb, Spotify, Nest and Chegg, A-Grade's value has grown to \$250 million, or about nine times the principal.

■ **Risk-averse:** A star in academics and soccer, Hollod considered Ivy League universities. But he opted for Vanderbilt, or what he calls the Harvard of the South. It was closer to his parents' suburban Atlanta home and less feisty of a culture.

"I wanted to be a big fish in a small pond," he said.

■ **Staying conservative:** Studying finance and economics led Hollod to a two-year investment banking program at Wachovia in Charlotte, N.C. He considered higher-tier banks but wanted to avoid their reputation for a "sharp-elbows" lifestyle.

■ **Coasting:** In a rare feat for someone his age without a master's degree, Hollod became an associate at Wachovia. He moved in with his girlfriend, with an eye toward marriage. He felt like a high roller in Charlotte, on his way to running Wachovia someday.

■ **A crushing wave of change:** His mother died at age 53 after a two-year battle with cancer in 2007. Wachovia laid off his entire group amid the financial meltdown. And Hollod and his girlfriend broke up.

Single, jobless and grieving, he reached what he calls his life's most-defining moment. Some might have turned to drugs or seclusion, Hollod said. He drew inspiration from the strength of his mom, who maintained her life-of-the-party charm until the end.

Going forward, people will only "know who my mom is through their interactions with me, and I'll be damned if they think anything less of me or my mother," he recalled telling himself. "I treat everyone with respect ... and I'm honest and hard-working, so people know how I was raised and the mother that she was."

He ventured to a lake house to hike, grill and wakeboard with his younger brother and their dad, an environmental engineer with a doctorate degree. There, Hollod decided to recalibrate by traveling to California for the first time since early childhood.

■ **LinkedIn:** Hollod couch-surfed (and beach-surfed) with two friends in Southern California for a month, falling in love with the region's comparatively casual vibe. An insight dawned on him.

"Why does this dichotomy of big fish, small fish exist?" he said. "What's more admirable than the pursuit of a big fish in a big pond? I said, 'I'm going all in. I'm not moving to another small city.'"

He messaged about 100 people on LinkedIn and Facebook for a lead on a finance job in Los Angeles. A younger Vanderbilt classmate he hadn't spoken to in years—and even then only briefly knew—was among the respondents.

A low-level employee at Yucaipa, she said she would forward his resume. Hollod



had an interview a month later, and within a week drove cross-country to start at Burkle's firm in October 2009.

■ **Entrepreneurial:** Hollod became more proactive, constantly asking bosses for tasks and trying to get himself into every meeting. The energy got rewarded. Executives pointed to him when an opportunity opened a year after he started for someone to be Burkle's eyes and ears on the fund with Kutcher and Oseary.

■ **Key trait:** Hollod describes his knowledge as vast in terms of subjects, but shallow on any given topic. He's fine with that because the broad spectrum makes him fast on his feet with anyone.

■ **Take heed:** Hollod expects entrepreneurs to describe not only their biggest mistake, but also the lesson derived from it. His own example is not investing in online mattress retailer Casper early on because Burkle and Kutcher questioned its prospects (A-Grade later invested in Casper and cashed out some shares, generating a more modest eight-fold return). Now, Hollod is willing to place small bets with his own money regardless of others' support. He aligns himself with Burkle by co-investing, including in res-

taurant chain Sweetgreen and aerospace startup Planet.

■ **Channeling mom:** Hanging with the rich and famous can steer people toward clubs, drugs and potential vices. But Hollod said he avoids such traps by doing only what his mom—a People magazine fan—would be proud to read about.

■ **Advice:** Don't send canned messages. Notes should have personality and confidence behind them, Hollod said.

"When you're writing an email, the time of day, what you had to eat, it's a different energy," he said. "Be more sensitive to the situation; don't make it sterile."

Treat celebrities like a new friend, meaning strike up a conversation and don't just ask for a selfie. Get over any shyness or fear of them, and don't make preconceived judgments.

"I've seen (Kutcher) sit in a middle seat on a regular plane,"

Chris Hollod is in his usual work area at home in his gazabo in the backyard by the pool on his devices, working and enjoying his view on Sept. 22, 2016 in Los Angeles. Hollod is billionaire investor Ron Burkle's right-hand man when it comes to venture capital investments.

Hollod said. "Some of these people will surprise you."

■ **Personal balance:** Hollod, who arrived from New York City on Burkle's jet at 4 a.m. on a recent weekday, went on a hike, rested and then worked poolside at home until sunset. He says post-travel "exiles," including time spent playing chess on his smartphone and streaming hip-hop music, keeps him balanced.

Hollod is a connoisseur of Pinot noirs, favoring Babcock and Melville wineries. His family plans to launch a wine label named after his mother in the coming weeks and donate profits to charity.

He's thought about writing a book for young adults, urging them to break free from complacency and norms. He'd title it "Big fish, Big pond: Breaking the Dichotomy."

### Science Matters

## Vacuum speeds healing of wounds

Applying suction continuously or intermittently to the surface of a wound significantly speeds healing, helps the wound close faster and shortens hospital stays, new research confirmed.

### Negative pressure wound therapy

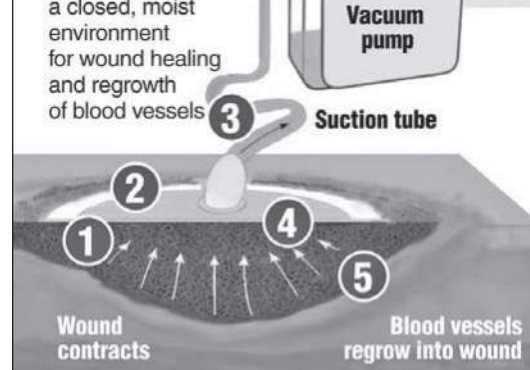
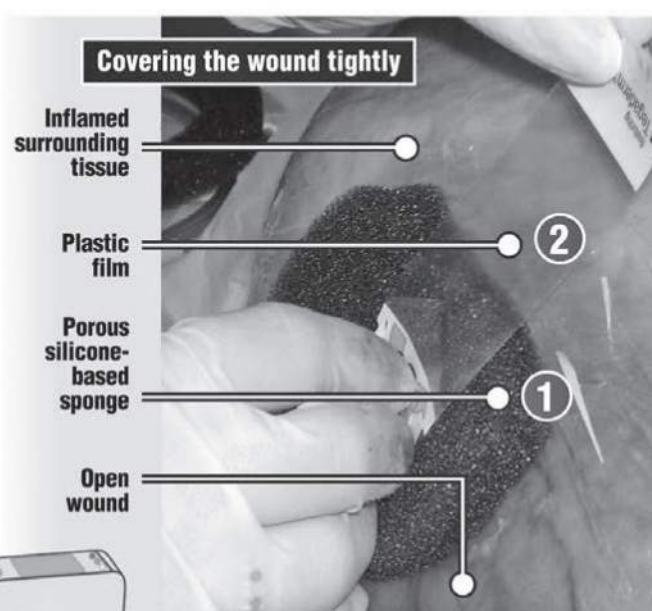
**1** After wound is cleaned, foam sponge is laid inside it

**2** Polyurethane film is laid over foam and tightly sealed

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Source: Christina Monsen of Lund University (Sweden), Skåne University Hospital (Malmö, Sweden)  
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

### New, systematic study

In evaluating treatment methods, medical workers' personal experiences can be biased

Researchers studied post-surgical groin wounds\* treated with negative pressure and with standard alginate dressing

**Average healing time** was cut from 104 days to 57 days

**Average hospital stay** was reduced from 20 days to 13 days

\* Blood vessels in groin are often used as access points for vascular surgery and treatment of internal organs; infection there is a common problem

## Options for sharing large electronic files

By DON LINDICH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q. I want to send a high-def home movie of a vacation to someone overseas so they can have it on their computer. At 7.5 GB, it is too big to email. How can I do this?**

**A.** You can always save it to a thumb drive and send it via snail mail. I've done this myself sometimes when sending a lot of data. There are also

a few ways to do it over the web. Here are two techniques that have worked for me.

There are lots of file transfer services available and I expect readers will contact me with suggestions and their favorites. I have come to favor Dropsend, at dropsend.com. It is only \$5 per month and very easy to use at both ends. Dropsend will send the recipient an email with a direct download link, and you are notified

when the file is downloaded.

If the recipient is someone you know and trust, you can set up a Google Drive account (separate from your email) and upload the file. Provide the recipient the password and login, and they can login and download the file there.

Contact Don Lindich at [www.soundadvicenews.com](http://www.soundadvicenews.com) and use the "submit question" link on that site.



# Life & Style

## Sharing the love of ukulele

As part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marianas Ukulele Festival, held on Oct. 22, 2016, professional ukulele performers JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea gave special live performances sharing the love of ukulele music at several local venues.

The two visited KKMP Radio, Saipan Community School, the Office on Aging *Man'amko* Center, Marianas High School, Kagman High School, Saipan International School, and the Joeten Kiyu Public Library on Friday, Oct. 21.

"It was so fantastic, interacting with the local students, seniors, and members of the community," said JazzzoomCafe.

Many of the students were awed and inspired by the unique and incredible ukulele playing styles displayed by the special guest performers.

"I really enjoyed the entire day performing for so many different groups," said Blues Lee, "and I hope we get to return for next year's Marianas Ukulele Festival."

These public performances and the Ukulele Festival were made possible through the outstanding support of the Marianas Visitors Authority, Delta Air Lines, T Galleria DFS, KKMP Radio, Pacific Development Inc., Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, IT&E, Serenti Hotel, Burger Comer Magliari, Top Development Inc., Mariana Resort and Spa, Robert T. Torres, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Joeten Daidai Foundation, Dave's Electronics, *Marianas Variety*, Best Sunshine, Pacific Trading Co., Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Saipan Ice and Water, Herman's Modern Bakery, Rep. Ray Tebuteb, and Rep. BJ Attao.

The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association is a regis-

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For more information, visit [www.marianasukulelefestival.org](http://www.marianasukulelefestival.org). (PR)



Professional ukulele performers JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea have their picture taken after performing at Marianas High School.



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Professional ukulele performers JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea have their picture taken after performing at Saipan Community School.

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JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea have their picture taken after performing at the Saipan International School.

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JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea perform at the Saipan International School.



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JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea give a presentation at Kagman High School.



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JazzzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea have their picture with the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library staff.

## Longtime addict seeks to end downward spiral of his life

**D**EAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old drug user. I have been addicted for more than 20 years. I know it's wrong. I know I can be a better person. I got hooked when a supposed friend introduced me to crack in 1992. If I could only go back to that day, I'd kick the you-know-what out of him. I was all set to make something of my life.

In 2010, my dad was diagnosed with lung cancer. It only got worse. I have hurt the people I care about the most. I have stolen from my mom. I have written checks on her bank account and pawned her jewelry. I don't know what to do.

I know I'm depressed since Dad died. I'm also disabled and on disability. I pretty much kept everything in check until 2001 when I lost the job I'd held for 17 years. I have drifted from job to job ever since.

So there it is. I have developed COPD. I'm on oxygen full time and can't work. I ask myself why I'm suddenly doing three and four times more than I've ever done. Do you think I'm that depressed? That I'm trying to speed my own death? I'm at a loss and need some guidance. I contemplate suicide daily, but I guess I'm too much of a coward. Can you help me?

END OF MY ROPE IN FLORIDA

**DEAR END OF YOUR ROPE:** At this point, the only person who can help you is yourself. The problem with using drugs is that after a period of time, the body builds up a

tolerance, and it takes more and more of them to achieve a high. This may be why your use has increased the way it has.

Because programs to help people break their drug habit usually cost money—which you don't have—go to [www.na.org](http://www.na.org) to find the location of the nearest Narcotics Anonymous meeting. As you may already know, NA is a fellowship in which addicts help each other to get off and stay off drugs. Please give it a try because it could save your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend Bryan and I were at a sports bar watching a football game. We had ordered a large pizza, but had time for only one slice before we had to leave. I wanted to offer the remaining pizza to a group of college-age students sitting at a nearby table. Bryan was horrified and insisted we just leave. He said to offer the pizza would be insulting.

When I pointed out that another couple had once given us a half-filled bottle of champagne (they were heading to the theater), we accepted and appreciated it. He said that was different. What do you think?

TRYING TO BE NICE IN L.A.

**DEAR TRYING TO BE NICE:** I think you're a nicer person than your friend Bryan. If the crowd at the next table was insulted, they could have refused your generous offer. Bryan may have nixed the idea because he didn't think

## DEAR ABBY

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# DeRozan scores 37, leads Raptors past Thunder



**OKLAHOMA CITY** (AP)—DeMar DeRozan won a shootout with Russell Westbrook, scoring 37 points to lead the Toronto Raptors to a 112-102 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night.

DeRozan, the NBA's leading scorer with a 34.1 average heading into the game, made 13 of 22 field goals and 11 of 15 free throws.

"You know, sometimes you've got to tip your hat, and good offense can beat great defense," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. "He had that happen several times where he made some very, very difficult shots."

Westbrook had 36 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, but he made just 9 of 26 shots and committed eight turnovers.

"I thought everybody that guarded him did a decent job, but it was a five-man job," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "Not one guy is going to stop him, and I say that all the time. It's on the team."

Kyle Lowry added 19 points, 13 assists and nine rebounds and Patrick Patterson had 13 points for the Raptors. Toronto, which shot 51.8 percent from the field, has won four of five.

The Thunder (6-2) entered the night tied for the NBA's best record, but their offense was inconsistent against the Raptors, and they couldn't find an answer for DeRozan. Victor Oladipo scored 18 points and Steven Adams added 14 points and 12 rebounds for Oklahoma City.

The Raptors led 62-55 at halftime behind DeRozan's 22 points. Toronto scored 16

points off 11 Oklahoma City turnovers in the first half.

"Little things like us turning the ball over, then leading to fast breaks," Oladipo said. "Rotations weren't great today. Little things like that that we can correct. We've just got to continue getting better and push forward."

A bounce pass by Lowry led to a jam by DeMarre Carroll that gave Toronto a 68-59 lead, and a basket by Pascal Siakam bumped the lead to 11 and led to a timeout by the Thunder. DeRozan's mid-range jumper in the closing seconds of the third quarter gave the Raptors an 88-75 lead.

The Thunder opened the fourth quarter with a 9-1 run to cut the deficit to 89-84. Oklahoma City eventually cut the deficit to four, but the Raptors rallied, and Lowry's 3-pointer bumped Toronto's lead back to 10 with 3:32 to play.

"DeMar did a great job of getting to his spots, getting to the free throw line, and Kyle did a great job running the team," Oladipo said. "We're going to have to do a better job next time we play them."

## Rockets 101, Spurs 99

In San Antonio James Harden had 24 points, 15 assists and 12 rebounds as Houston held off San Antonio to hand the Spurs their third straight home loss.

Ryan Anderson was 4 for 6 on 3-pointers in scoring 20 points as Houston snapped a four-game skid in San Antonio. Eric Gordon had 15 points and fellow reserve Sam Dekker added 12.

Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points for the Spurs but missed his final jump shot, which could have tied the game. LaMarcus Aldridge, who had 14



points, also missed a tip-in attempt at the buzzer.

Danny Green made his season debut for San Antonio, scoring eight points in his return from a strained left quadriceps.

## Warriors 116, Mavericks 95

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson hit his first seven shots and scored 18 of his 20 points in the first quarter as Golden State cruised past undermanned Dallas.

Kevin Durant led Golden State with 28 points, Stephen Curry added 24 and Draymond Green had 16 points and 10 rebounds as the Warriors used their outside shooting to build a 19-point lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Harrison Barnes scored 25

points to lead Dallas in his first game against the Warriors since leaving as a free agent last summer.

## Clippers 111, Trail Blazers 80

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Chris Paul added 19 points as Los Angeles rolled past Portland to improve to an NBA-best 7-1 with its fourth straight win.

The Clippers stunned Portland from the opening tip, shooting 59 percent in the first quarter. They built a 32-point lead in the first half when Griffin had 17 points.

Los Angeles' bench opened the second quarter on a 14-2 run to go up 50-18 before extending the lead to 61-32 at halftime.

Portland's Damian Lillard,

the NBA's second-leading scorer at 32.8 points per game, was held to eight. CJ McCollum, who was averaging 22.9 points, also scored eight.

## Pacers 122, 76ers 115, OT

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored seven of Indiana's 13 points in overtime as the Pacers beat winless Philadelphia.

George finished with 28 points and eight rebounds.

Gerald Henderson hit a 3-pointer with 6 seconds remaining in regulation to give Philadelphia a two-point lead. But on the ensuing Pacers' possession, George hit a jumper with 3 seconds left to tie it.

Jeff Teague finished with 30 points and nine assists, and Myles Turner had with 15 points and nine rebounds for Indiana. Robert Covington led Philadelphia with 23 points.

## Knicks 110, Nets 96

In New York, Carmelo Anthony scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter and Kristaps Porzingis added 21 in New York's victory over Brooklyn.

Rookie center Willy Hernangomez had a season-best 14 points, Derrick Rose also had 14 and the Knicks climbed out of a 14-point hole to take the first meeting of the season between the New York rivals.

Brook Lopez and Justin Hamilton each scored 21 points for the Nets. They wilted on the second night of back-to-back games after a strong first half. Normally a good fourth-quarter team, they were outscored 38-25 while struggling to run their offense without an experienced NBA point guard.

## Suns 107, Pistons 100

In Phoenix, Eric Bledsoe-

AP  
Toronto Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan, left, and Oklahoma City Thunder forward Jerami Grant scramble for a loose ball during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016.

scored 14 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, helping the Phoenix Suns rally to beat Detroit Pistons.

Bledsoe added 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Suns. Jared Dudley added a season-high 19 points and Alex Len had 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope led the Pistons with a season-high 27 points and Andre Drummond had 18 points and 14 rebounds.

## Wizards 118, Celtics 93

In Washington, Otto Porter scored a career-high 34 points as Washington beat Boston for its second victory of the season.

Porter shot 15 of 19, had 14 rebounds and sparked the fast start with 20 points in the first half. John Wall had 19 points before being ejected for a flagrant foul in the final minutes.

Isaiah Thomas led the Celtics with 23 points and Avery Bradley had 21.

## Hawks 115, Bulls 107

In Atlanta, Thabo Sefolosha scored 20 points, Dwight Howard added 18 and Atlanta beat Chicago for its third consecutive victory.

Paul Millsap added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks while Jimmy Butler led the Bulls with 39 points and Dwyane Wade had 25.

## Timberwolves 123, Magic 107

In Orlando, Florida, Zach LaVine scored 37 points and Andrew Wiggins added 29 as Minnesota beat Orlando for its first road victory of the season.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 20 points and 11 rebounds to help Minnesota snap a three-game losing streak. A night after collapsing defensively against Brooklyn, the Timberwolves led by 30 in the first half.

Nikola Vucevic led the Magic with 24 points and 14 rebounds.

## Hornets 104, Jazz 98

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Kemba Walker scored 21 points to help Charlotte beat Utah for its fourth straight victory.

Marvin Williams had 19 points, including a big 3-pointer in the fourth quarter to help stretch Charlotte's lead to four. Gordon Hayward led Utah with 29 points.

## LeBron James, Cavs to visit White House on same day as Trump

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—LeBron James and his Cavaliers teammates will be at the White House on Thursday.

An unexpected guest will be there, too.

The visit by the reigning NBA champions will coincide with President-elect Donald Trump's meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss the handover of power and transition following a shocking election that left James—and millions of Americans—wondering about the future.

Gov. John Kasich, a one-time Republican presidential rival who refused to endorse Trump and boycotted the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, also was to visit the White House on Thursday.

James had supported

Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, appearing on stage with the former secretary of state at a campaign rally Sunday to urge Cleveland residents to vote.

On Wednesday, just hours after Clinton had conceded the election to Trump, James posted on his Instagram account that he woke up "looking and searching for answers on what has happened." He posted the audio to "Alright," a song by rapper Kendrick Lamar.

James wrote: "Parents and leaders of our children please let them know they can still change the world for the better! Don't lose a bit of faith! They're our future and we must remain stronger than ever!! Yes we all wanna lace up the boots, put on the hard hats and strike but that's not the answer. Love, genuine

LOVE and FAITH will be the only thing that can get us through this."

The Cavs' trip to Washington has been planned for weeks. Coach Tyronn Lue, who received a phone call in June from Obama shortly after Cleveland rallied to beat Golden State in the NBA Finals, wanted the visit to happen before the first African-American president left office. Cleveland plays at Washington on Friday night.

James has openly expressed his views on numerous political issues in recent years. Following Trump's election, the three-time champion and father of three said he felt the need to offer encouragement to minorities and women.

"Please know that this isn't the end, it's just a very

challenging obstacle that we will overcome!!" he said. "...To all the youth out there I PROMISE I'll continue to lead u guys every single day without no hesitation!! Time to educate and even more mold my children into being the greatest model citizens they can become in life!"

James wasn't the only Cavaliers player to express his feelings.

J.R. Smith, who also attended Clinton's rally in Cleveland, posted a photo of his daughter standing outside the White House.

"How do I even feel confident sending her on play dates knowing the kids family voted for the racist, sexist person an I don't know how they will treat her when she's gone," Smith said. "How? Seriously How?"



# Voters overwhelmingly reject Chargers' plan for new stadium



**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—Voters have called the San Diego Chargers' bluff, leaving the NFL team to decide whether to try one more time to get a new stadium built here or pack the moving vans for the trip up Interstate 5 to Los Angeles.

Measure C, which would have raised \$1.15 billion from increased hotel occupancy taxes to help pay for a \$1.8 billion stadium and convention center annex downtown, was defeated 57 percent to 43 percent. It needed 66.7 percent yes to pass.

The 110-page plan was written by the Chargers without input from City Hall, the powerful tourism industry, their would-be neighbors the Padres or other stakeholders.

Team chairman Dean Spanos, who angered fans last year with a failed attempt to join with the rival Oakland Raiders to build a stadium in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson, conceded defeat early Wednesday morning with half of the votes still to be counted. He released a statement Wednesday afternoon saying he wanted "to give the stadium debate a rest and enjoy some Chargers football."

"So I'm going to put aside any discussion of our possible next steps until after the season, to allow everyone to focus on football and to give my family and me time to think carefully about what is best for the future of our franchise," Spanos said. "Over the coming weeks you may hear news about steps that we must take to preserve all of our options. But please know that I don't intend to make any decisions until after the regular season ends."

That means fans could be put in the same position as they were last year, when they thought that the last game of the season might be the Chargers' final game in San Diego. The Chargers (4-5) have four home games left, including the finale on Jan. 1 against Kansas City.

Spanos has until mid-January to exercise his option to move to L.A. and join the Rams in a stadium in Inglewood set to open in 2019. If the Chargers moved, they'd have to find a temporary home.

Or Spanos could negotiate with Mayor Kevin Faulconer and other stakeholders on a new plan in San Diego. The Chargers have been trying since 2000 to replace aging Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley.

While Spanos has said he'd like to make it work in San Diego, his surrogates have repeatedly reminded people that the team could move to L.A.

Faulconer said that while



AP  
San Diego Chargers running back Melvin Gordon, center, is upended during the second half of an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, in San Diego.

the vote showed there wasn't support for this particular plan, that a coalition was built during the campaign.

"San Diegans love the Bolts. They want them to stay," Faulconer said. "There's a foundation that I'm confident can be built up."

Faulconer, who endorsed the project only a month ago, said he planned to speak by phone with Spanos later Wednesday or on Thursday.

The mayor declined to say whether he prefers a new stadium at the Qualcomm site, which he pushed last year, or downtown.

Figuring out how to pay for a new stadium "will be one of the significant topics of collaboration," he said. "You saw that achieving two-thirds is extremely difficult."

City Councilman Chris Cate, who was called out by the Chargers because he opposed the measure, said he hopes Spanos comes to the table sooner rather than later.

"I understand the value of the Chargers. I was born and raised here," Cate said. "I don't want them to leave. But it can't be a one sided affair. People have to be at the table to hammer out a deal that works."

County Supervisor Ron Roberts agreed, saying there needs to be "a lot of soul-searching" in coming up with a stadium solution that benefits everyone, not just the team.

"I think this was doomed to failure from Day One and it's unfortunate because if we had been developing a solution everyone agreed on in Mission

Valley, we'd likely be under construction by now."

After rebuffing Spanos' Carson project, his fellow owners offered him an extra \$100 million to be coupled with a \$200 million NFL loan to try to get something done in San Diego.

There's been speculation

that Spanos, who long has said he needs a major public subsidy for a new stadium in San Diego, could ask the NFL for more money, or that he could try to negotiate down the L.A. relocation fee.

An NFL spokesman said the league had no comment.

Quarterback Philip Rivers

said he's trying to stay optimistic.

"I can't see us not here," Rivers said after practice Wednesday.

"Maybe I'm naive, I don't know that the actual vote is a direct reflection of what the city thinks of the Chargers," Rivers said. "I think it's more about all the ins and outs and

exactly what the measure exactly meant and how people felt like it affected them. I didn't see it as, 'Hey, here's a vote; would you like the Chargers in San Diego or not?' I didn't see it as that simple. I would like to think if that's the case, we could have gotten two-thirds or more."

## Cowboys' Romo full go at practice, and running scout team

**FRISCO, Texas** (AP)—Tony Romo stretched alongside Jason Witten early in practice for the Dallas Cowboys, just as they've done for most of the past 10 years.

Then the 36-year-old quarterback went off to run the scout team, and his trusty tight end joined the first-teamers along with rookie Dak Prescott, who has a seven-game winning streak filling in for Romo.

The Dallas starter for a decade, Romo was a full practice participant Wednesday for the first time since breaking a bone in his back in a preseason game in August, his fourth back injury in less than four years.

That didn't change his spot in the pecking order, which includes veteran Mark Sanchez, the backup to Prescott the first eight games. There's no reason to change with Dallas (7-1) surging to the best record in the NFC.

"He's champing at the bit," coach Jason Garrett said. "But you know we'll watch him today at practice and see how he does."

Garrett said the starter usual-

ly gets almost all the reps with the first team in practice, and noted an exception the Cowboys made last week when Sanchez ran some situational stuff with the starters Friday.

The next step is determining when Romo will be active on game day, with the first opportunity Sunday at Pittsburgh (4-4).

Even Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who went 13-0 in the regular season as a rookie starter in 2004, doesn't see that the Cowboys have much choice.

"Taking nothing away from Tony," said Roethlisberger, who has won two Super Bowls and been named to four Pro Bowls. "He's been doing it, Pro Bowl, like you said, at a high level. But when you're winning football games, it's really hard to replace that one spot."

Romo hasn't spoken to reporters since he was injured Aug. 25 at Seattle. Prescott, who has 12 touchdowns and two interceptions and the fourth-best passer rating behind Tom Brady, Matt Ryan and Drew Brees, made his usual Wednesday appearance

and said all the same things on the Romo front.

"I don't really think about if I've done enough or what I've done," Prescott said.

Garrett said Romo rejoined the quarterback meetings last week, and Prescott said Romo is "nothing but help" when he's around, which is more often now that he's mostly moved beyond rehab from the injury.

"Kind of the same stuff he was doing on the field. It's just I'm getting it earlier in the week," Prescott said. "I'm getting it Monday, Tuesday instead of coming Sunday."

Garrett dodged questions whether there was still a medical component in the decision and what the coaches would need to see to determine whether to activate him on Sunday. Romo was inactive for the first eight games.

Romo was on the practice field the past two weeks, but either listed as limited or not participating. At times, he was absent from the early part of practice but appeared later. He was out there from the start Wednesday.

The franchise leader in

passing yards and touchdowns has missed 20 of the past 22 games, and is closing in on the anniversary of his last start. He threw three interceptions in the first half of a Thanksgiving loss to Carolina before breaking his left collarbone for the second time last season.

"I think it's all just stages, getting the guys closer and ready to play in a game," Garrett said. "Tony hasn't played in a game in nearly a year. So you want to get a guy out there again and again and again, moving around with people around him."

As each week passes, owner and general manager Jerry Jones shows less urgency about settling the Romo matter.

"Anybody with any sense knows that Tony would like to be playing," Jones said on his radio show Tuesday. "The key thing that I want to emphasize that we probably are never going to have this totally sorted out. He's really got to be ready to go at the top of his game. We have the luxury of getting him that ready."

And Romo has the scout team reps to show it.



# Manfred: Trump should not impact MLB international plans



**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.**  
(AP)—Base-

ball Commissioner Rob Manfred does not think Donald Trump's election as president will slow the sport's plans to stage more events in Latin America.

Expanding international play has been one of Manfred's goals since succeeding Bud Selig as commissioner in January 2015. San Diego and Houston played a two-game spring training series this year in Mexico City, where the sport opened an office last March and which Manfred has mentioned as a possible expansion site.

Tampa Bay met Cuba's national team in Havana on March 22, the first visit to the island by a big league baseball club since 1999. MLB hopes to establish a process that would allow Cuban residents to sign big league contracts.

"Haven't heard anything with respect to the Cuba issue that would suggest that there's going to be any change, and I think we're all familiar with things he said about Mexico," Manfred said Wednesday at the annual general managers meeting. "I think we need to wait and see what actually happens."

Team executives and agents discussing deals watched election coverage in shock Tues-



day night in the Mbar off the central courtyard at the Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia, some with looks of anguish on their faces.

Manfred opened his news conference by stating: "It's been an interesting couple of weeks. Cubs won the World Series for the first time in 108 years. Donald Trump got elected president. Pretty interesting all the way around. So here we are." He then laughed.

On other topics:

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Dan Halem, baseball's chief legal officer, updated GMs on talks for a labor contract to replace the five-year deal that expires Dec. 1. Manfred had hoped for an agreement before the end of the World Series last week. Teams with high payrolls would like to know the level of the luxury-

tax threshold, which was \$189 million this year.

"There's a couple of natural deadlines," Manfred said. "One is the beginning of free agency and the other one's obviously the expiration date. Well, we missed deadline one, so we're looking at deadline two now."

## JEURYS FAMILIA

Manfred said he anticipated it would take time for MLB to investigate New York Mets closer Jeurys Familia under its domestic violence policy. A complaint in municipal court in Fort Lee, New Jersey, dated Oct. 31 alleged the All-Star pitcher caused "bodily injury to another." A hearing is scheduled for Nov. 14.

"I think that it is usually difficult for us to complete our investigation before the criminal process has run its course," Manfred said. "We have the

AP  
Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred speaks at news conference during baseball's annual general managers meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

luxury of not being on the field right now, and we're going to take advantage of that."

## 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

MLB has not yet spoken with the World Baseball Softball Confederation about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Japanese baseball and Olympic officials would like major leaguers to participate, but MLB and its players are reluctant because the Olympics will be held from July 24 to Aug. 9.

"We've had an exchange of letters. We've asked them to come in and explain exactly

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PBT (1:51.93).

Meanwhile, in the penultimate event of the NMISF Meet 2—the 50m freestyle—13 swimmers earned PBTs.

The list includes boys 13 to 14's Nelson Batallones (30.68 seconds), Joseph Zhang (34.64), and Kevin Guerrero (43.99), 11 to 12's Dan Illahi (40.46) and Jun Tenorio (33.05), 9 to 10's Hans Xu (34.27), Kena Pajarilaga (46.17), and U8's Kouki Watanabe (43.74). In the girls division, the PBT getters were Dolphin Club Saipan's Samantha Liske-Clarke (55.91 seconds), Tsunami Saipan's Asaka Litulumar (37.88), Michelle Chen (55.00), Julia Jinang (56.77), and Maria Batallones (41.30). All are Tsunami Saipan swimmers.

In the 50m breaststroke, Tsunami Saipan's Anthony

what the program is going to look like in order to put us in a position to make a firm evaluation," Manfred said.

## ASTROS/CARDINALS INVESTIGATION

Former Cardinals scouting director Christopher Correa was sentenced in July to 46 months in prison and ordered to pay \$279,038 in restitution after pleading guilty to five counts of unauthorized access of a protected computer from 2013 to at least 2014. When he pleaded guilty in January, Correa maintained he found proprietary Cardinals' information in the Astros' database. Cardinals Chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. had blamed the hack on "roguish behavior" by a handful of individuals.

"If it were a 100-yard game, we're in the final 10 yards of

Camacho-Deleon Guerrero also had a PBT (44.44 seconds) along with his teammates Isaiah Aleksenko (46.48), Xu (48.12), Aasish Dangol (51.72), Aika Watanabe (45.67), Asaka Litulumar (44.36), and SSC's Taiyo Akimaru (47.81).

In the 100m freestyle, 13 marked PBTs. They were SSC's Jinie Thompson (1:23.41), Aoi Braxton (1:42.03) and Nieves (1:49.76), Susana (1:34.99), and Richard (1:19.92) Villagomez; and Tsunami Saipan's Aasish Dangol (1:24.59), Kouki Watanabe (1:39.60), Risa Sekiguchi (1:26.41), Ayumi Obligation (1:38.70), and Shoko Litulumar (1:36.61). Completing the list were Dolphin Saipan's Sonny Holandez (1:48.70), Liske-Clarke (2:12.47), and Gemmilie Anne Eugenio (2:21.32).

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FC, Paire, MP United-2, Shirley's, and Kanoa-1, while Matansa, MP United-1, Kanoa-2, and TanHoldings are in Pool B. In the U10 age group, TanHoldings, MP United-2, Paire, and

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the men's B singles, 21-16, 16-21, 21-18. Patrick then teamed up with Banadero in slipping past Jun Sik Kim and Zapanta in the mixed BC doubles, 18-21, 21-14, 21-17.

Taga, on the other hand, drew its two wins in the mixed A doubles and women's C singles. Montoya paired with Ito and they edged Lani Bartolome and Hapi Gabriel, 21-19, 13-21, 22-20, while Lazaro topped Obaldo, 25-23, 21-14.

Meanwhile, United Badminton Club and Golden Rac-

quet the St. Louis situation," Manfred said. "The time has come to put this one behind us. I am anxious to do that."

## MEDICAL RECORDS

Following the suspension of San Diego general manager A.J. Preller for 30 days without pay in September following an MLB investigation that concluded the Padres had withheld medical information from trade partners, requirements for sharing medical records will be enhanced.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	5	2	.714	—
New York	3	4	.429	2
Boston	3	4	.429	2
Brooklyn	3	5	.375	2½
Philadelphia	0	7	.000	5

##### Southeast Division

Charlotte	6	1	.857	—
Atlanta	6	2	.750	½
Orlando	3	5	.375	3½
Miami	2	4	.333	3½
Washington	2	5	.286	4

##### Central Division

Cleveland	6	1	.857	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2
Detroit	4	4	.500	2½
Chicago	4	4	.500	2½
Indiana	4	4	.500	2½

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

Houston	5	3	.625	—
San Antonio	5	3	.625	—
Memphis	4	4	.500	1
Dallas	2	6	.250	3
New Orleans	0	8	.000	5

##### Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	6	2	.750	—
Portland	5	4	.556	1½
Utah	5	4	.556	1½
Denver	3	4	.429	2½
Minnesota	2	5	.286	3½

##### Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	7	1	.875	—
Golden State	6	2	.750	1
L.A. Lakers	4	4	.500	3
Sacramento	4	5	.444	3½
Phoenix	3	6	.333	4½

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MLB to destroy, not donate, Indians championship gear

CLEVELAND (AP)—Clothing and other items celebrating a 2016 Cleveland Indians World Series championship that never happened will be destroyed instead of donated to those in need.

Championship merchandise is produced for both teams when a major title is on the

line so items can be immediately sold to the winning team's fans. The Chicago Cubs defeated the Indians in the Series last week.

ESPN and The Huffington Post report Major League Baseball is asking retailers to give back Indians championship gear so it can be de-

stroyed. MLB had donated clothing to needy countries through the charity World Vision since 2005.

MLB says it has opted to destroy the items this year in order to "protect the team from inaccurate merchandise being available in the general marketplace."

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regain its Level II certification International Association of Athletics Federations and to prepare the facility for the CNMI's hosting of the Pacific Mini Games in 2021.

Rogolifoi said the track is just one of the facilities that will undergo a facelift in the next five years.

"We will continue to push

for the improvement of our facilities as we have to be ready for the Pacific Mini Games. We will work on these projects to capitalize on the support we are getting from the governor and other government officials and agencies," the NMSA official said.

Next on NMSA's priority list is the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, while the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa

Pangelinan Softball Field, and the Oleai grandstand will also undergo repairs.

Funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Capital Improvement Projects for the repair works at the gym and the baseball and softball field are already available according to Rogolifoi, but NMSA has to find matching funds for the projects to push forward. FEMA will

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victory over the GSM Masters.

The Papa Bears had nine runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead, which they managed to keep as the match was called off after five complete innings. It rained and game officials decided to consider the match a regular one and hand the win to the Papa

Bears as the field was unsafe for play.

It was a tough break for the GSM Masters as they were rallying after getting five runs at the top of the fifth. The GSM Masters were scoreless in the first three innings before hitting the board in the fourth off Ben Hocog's run from a fielder's choice. Jerry Ayuyu's two-run double, an RBI single each from John Terlaje and

Tom Diaz, who also reached home off the Papa Bears' error, moved the GSM Masters within three, 6-9.

The Papa Bears then gained some distance at the bottom of the fifth off a stolen base and hit by pitch before they were called for the third out and rain started to fall. It rained for several minutes, making the pitch unplayable.

Ben Lizama led the Papa

cover 90 percent of the cost (nearly \$500,000), while NMSA has to shoulder the remaining 10 percent.

"Right now, we have to find about \$50,000 and we will try to ask help from our lawmakers," the NMSA executive director said.

As for the extension of the grand stand at the Oleai track, Rogolifoi said NMSA will have to apply for a new grant next year.

Bears with his 3-for-3 performance at the plate and an RBI, while Jack Cepeda was only 1-for-3, but made two RBIs in the pivotal third inning. The Papa Bears gained two runs off the GSM Masters' errors in the third and one from a passed ball.

Meanwhile, two more teams will debut in the league tonight as the BSI Aces takes on Sai-Sei at 6pm.

Matansa make up Pool A, while Pool B has Southern, MP United-3, Kanoa, and Shirley's. In the U12 division, MP United-1, Shirley's, Tinian Premier, Southern United, and Kanoa-2 are in Pool A, while TanHoldings, Kanoa-1, Matansa, and Paire are in Pool B.

quets were the other teams entered in the Traders Insurance-sponsored tournament.

Traders handed over \$1,500 to the organizing Northern Marianas Badminton Association during the competition opening last weekend in support of the team event. Traders' donation will be used for the prizes and other tournament costs. The champion squad will take home \$500, while \$300 and \$100 will go to the runner-up and third finisher.

The Top 2 teams after the round-robin elimination will collide for the winner-take-all finale.



# Shirley's wins opener of Traders Insurance tourney



Shirley's Badminton Club's Baby Banadero, right, returns to Taga's Gigi Zapanta and Roxe Lazaro, while her teammate Cassie Obaldo looks on during their doubles game in the Traders Insurance tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Traders Insurance owner Lito Mendoza, center, hands over the \$1,500 check to Northern Marianas Badminton Association's Taeho Kim, fourth left, in support of the group's team tournament that opened last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## Mister leads finishers in high school race

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Marianas High School's Logan Mister posted the fastest time in the high school division of the fourth and final leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Mister completed the three-mile course in 21:38 to finish ahead of Saipan Southern High School's Haruya Eda (21:52) and Saipan International School's LeHyuk Jang (28:09) and Isabel Dickinson (28:35). Mister and Eda took the Top 2 finishers in the boys U15 division, while Jang and Dickinson were the only entries in the U17 age group.

Only four joined the high school races, as Agape Christian School, which in the past three legs fielded more than 40 runners, had an event held on the same day of the competition.

Meanwhile, SIS' Victoria Torres and Mt. Carmel

School's Dominic Torres were the top finishers in the two-mile course for the U13 age group.

Dominic capped the two-lap race in 15:03 to beat 10 others in his division, while Victoria was the lone entry in her field and clocked in at 16:25.

Whispering Palms' Kaden Church and Saipan Community School's



Mateo Guerrero joined Dominic in the Top 3 after submitting 15:11 and 15:48, respectively. Other finishers in the boys U15 division were Dandan Middle School's Xavier Sumor (16:18), Jerwin Mendiola (16:23), Ron Muna (28:50), and Luke Gilnifrad (29:03).

Whispering Palms' Blake Mister (16:36), SCS' Vinson Bacani (25:12) and Derrick Seo (28:03), and MCS' Vidal Sablan (25:29).

Runners who joined in the first four legs of the series will compete in the 2016 All Schools Cross Country on Nov. 19 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort with the start time to be announced later.



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Marianas High School's Logan Mister, center, is joined by two other runners as they are about to complete the first lap of their respective races in the final leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

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Shirley's Badminton Club got off to a strong start after dominating Taga Badminton Club, 38-7, during the opening of the 9th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament held last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's won 13 of the 15 pairings, highlighting its lopsided victory over Taga with a sweep of the seven matches scheduled on Court 3. The winning club prevailed in the men's A singles, men's AA doubles, women's CC doubles, men's CC doubles, mixed BB doubles, men's AB doubles, and mixed AB doubles. On Court 1, Shirley's

topped the men's B singles, men's BB doubles, women's AA doubles, women's BB doubles, mixed BC doubles, and women's B singles, while Taga took the women's C singles, and mixed AA doubles.

The tandem of Daniel Macario and Jeff Riman gave Shirley's the victory in the men's AB doubles

after beating Rod-wealth Espana and Taeho Kim, 21-13, 21-16. In the mixed AB doubles, Hannah Choi and Hajin Oh also swept Taga's Cristy Villaflores and Espana, 21-15, 21-5. Oh got his second win when he teamed up with Windy Fernandez in downing Jun Kim and Villaflores, 21-9, 21-7.



Windy duplicated Oh's feat, as she partnered with Vilma Reyes in topping Loyda Ito and Shirley's Kim in the women's B doubles, 21-18, 21-18.

In other results, Chris Hilario and Riman swept Jun Kim and Edwin Montoya in the men's B doubles, 21-12, 21-19, while Choi and

Jaja Bocago also needed only two games to beat Merlie Tolentino and Elna Curate in the women's B doubles, 21-11, 21-6. Montoya was on the losing end, too, of his singles match against Ferdie Arago, who cruised to a 21-7, 21-17 victory.

Macario and Macoi Aguda

handed Montoya (with Celso Agui) another defeat after prevailing in their men's AB doubles tiff, 21-16, 21-12. In the women's CC doubles, Cassie Obaldo and Baby Banadero also took the short route to victory against Gigi Zapanta and Roxe Lazaro, 21-14, 21-11. Shirley's got two more wins via straight games with Allan Relativo and Erwin Lee downing Taeho Kim and Tommy Kim, 21-10, 21-19, and Fernandez sweeping Ito, 21-12, 23-21.

Shirley's two remaining victories were decided after three games. Patrick Fernandez recorded both of them with the first one against Taeho Kim in

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## MP United keeps division lead

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MP United Football Club maintained its slim lead in Division A of the M-League following a 2-1 victory over Paire FC last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Janro Biniza and Yosh Mafnas scored the two goals for MP United, which now has a 4-0-0 win-draw-loss record to lead idle TanHoldings (3-0-1) and four other teams. Biniza put MP United on the board with his shot in the 33rd minute, while Mafnas drilled the go-ahead in the 43rd. Earlier in the 36th minute, Robbie Greene logged the lone goal for Paire, which fell to a 1-1-1 mark.

In another Division A match last weekend, Matansa bagged its first victory after a 0-4 start as it downed Korean Football Association on Saipan, 5-2.

Daniel Agulto anchored Matansa's win as he drilled a hat trick. Kamrul Kamrul and S. Abdul chipped in one goal apiece. Kamrul and Abdul handed Matansa its first two scores when they lit up the board in the seventh and ninth minute, respectively, while Agulto knocked in all his



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MP United players and officials pose for a photo after an earlier Division A game in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

goals in the second half. The former CNMI Men's National Team member got his first in the 55th minute and the last two in the 67th and 80th.

KFAS, which has yet to win in three games, drew its two goals from Sung Su Jung and Chong Koo Gil, who found their targets in the 36th and 47th minute, respectively.

In the lone Division B match last Sunday, IFC Thundercats also earned their first victory after whipping Dragon FC (0-0-4).

Sung Bae Park fired four goals in the Thundercats' easy win, while Timothy Tawanpiy contributed two. Don Cabrera and Jason Kim added one goal each for the Thundecats, who now has a 1-1-3 mark.

Idle Kanoa leads Division B with its 4-0-0 slate, while NMI U16 (3-1-0), Shirley's (2-1-1), and NMI Women's (0-1-2) complete the field.

## Youth festival tomorrow

Meanwhile, the 2016 NMIFA

Youth Fall Festival will be held this Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field from 9am to 5pm.

All the participating teams and players who saw action in the regular games will be allowed to play in the festival matches. Each game will be played in two 15-minute halves and squads are divided into pools.

For the co-ed U8 division, Pool A has Southern United

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## Winning debuts for Papa Bears, Old Stars



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The Old Stars' George David waits for the pitch during their game against Rubak in the 2016 Masters Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

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The Olds Stars and Papa Bears prevailed in their respective debut games in the 2016 Masters Baseball League this week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

In the league's opening game last Monday night, the Papa Bears escaped with an 11-6 victory over the GSM Masters, while the Old Stars hammered Rubak, 42-13, last Wednesday.

The Old Stars had lost count of their runs as they came in a rush, allowing the team to finish the match an inning early. The masters games are played for only seven innings.

George David paced the Old Stars as he scored five runs and also had five RBIs. Manny Cabrera also re-

corded five runs and added three RBIs. Jess Mesa, James Fleming, and Manny Cabrera combined for 17 runs and six RBIs.

Tony Rogolifoi and Hanes Asanuma had three runs each for Rubak, Ted Minor chipped in two, while Mark Toves, Mabel Ngirngemelas, and Chel Castro contributed one each.

In the league's opener, Papa Bears built enough cushion in the third inning and had to thank the rain in their

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## Nov. 15 start date for track resurfacing

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The long wait for the resurfacing work at the Oleai Sports Complex's track and field facility may soon be over.

Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi disclosed that Tang's Corp. has informed the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. that they may start the project on Nov. 15. Rogolifoi said the company is just waiting for a few more documents from its subcontractors and once they are in, Tang's Corp. will request for a notice to proceed. Rogolifoi added they will make a formal announcement on the closure of the facility before the resurfacing work begins.

"By May next year, if the weather

will cooperate, the project may be completed," Rogolifoi said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The condition of the Oleai track and field facility started to deteriorate nearly three years ago and it was only last year that negotiations for funding sources materialized through NMSA and its officials, NMHC, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The project costs nearly a million (\$990,000) with majority of the funds coming from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through NMHC's Community Development Block Grant, while MVA has allotted \$250,000 for the resurfacing work as part of the its sports tourism program.

The Oleai track has to be fixed to

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## Strong finish for Akimaru, Welch

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru

and Salofi Welch capped the 2016 Northern Mariana Island Swimming Federation Meet 2 with personal best swims.



Akimaru and Welch were among the four swimmers who raced in the final event—200m individual medley—

in last Saturday's at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool and both posted personal best times. The 16-year-old Akimaru completed the race in 2:26.90, more than a second better than his old PBT of 2:28.55. He was also the first to finish the event.

The 18-year-old Welch came in at third with his 2:41.79, breaking his previous mark (2:52.03) by nearly 11 seconds. Lennosuke Suzuki, also of SSC, was ranked second with his 2:37.43, but he missed a PBT as his old record read at 2:34.15. Another SSC swimmer—Taiga Sato—completed the last race of the competition and timed in 2:53.78, about two seconds shy of his previous

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru does the butterfly stroke of the 200m individual medley event in last Saturday's 2016 Northern Mariana Island Swimming Federation Meet 2 held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



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Resurfacing work at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility may start next week.